

12196

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE _____

Our File No. _____

Full Name _____

Canadian Japanese Association

(Surname in Block Letters)

Incorporated April 1909 Regd office 329 Gore Ave?

Registration No. _____

Dissolved Mch 28.40 - according to L. Rapin
Male Female Age Jan 13/48
(Check)

Former Address _____

Port Kensington B.C.

329 Gore Ave Van. Regd. office.

Date Evacuated _____

Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

Present Address _____

B. Hisaoka

President (according to memo May 10.44)

Yaguchi Kawata File 10400 Secretary

Jemichi Kinoshita File 8612 Treasurer

Married - Single
(Check)

Resigned Jan 31/44
Organizing Officers Hisaoka & Kinoshita according to L. July 1/44
Bank of Montreal Main Meeting

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

Name of Mother _____

Name of Father _____

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by _____

Registered with Custodian _____

(Yes or No)

Additional Information _____

Last report filed with Registrar Jan 26.33

See memo May 10.44 Mr Green re Charles brought from L. Rapin
apparently found at 341 Gore Ave & removed to Storage 154. W5th

SUMMARY OF REAL PROPERTY OR INTEREST THEREIN:

OWNED BY Canadian Japanese Association REG. NO. ---

(1) Nature of Interest:

(a) Owner: Certificate of Title ~~encumbrance~~ held by Not known.

(b) Part owner (joint or in common)

Co-owners None.(c) Holder of the right to purchase --- Equity \$ ---Vendor ---(d) Holder as Mortgagee --- Equity \$ ---Mortgagor ---(2) Cert. of Title No. 10383-I In the name of Canadian Japanese Association.(3) Property address Port Essington, B. C. Mun. Unorganized.(4) Legal description The Easterly 28 feet (from front to rear) of Lot 13, Block 1,
Townsite of Port Essington, Map 537. L.R.O. Prince Rupert.(5) Vested in the Custodian 8925 Certificate of Encumbrance Apr. 2/43.(6) If Agricultural Lands: Type of Farm ---Acreage ---Crops ---S.S.R. No. ---(7) ASSESSED VALUE: LAND \$ 60.00. IMPROVEMENTS \$ 300.00.(8) Appraised value if any: Land \$ --- Improvements \$ ---(9) Taxes: Current \$ 7.11 (1946) Arrears \$ 20.85. (1943-4-5).(10) Water or other rates: Current \$ --- Arrears \$ ---(11) Encumbrance: --- Dated --- Amount \$ --- Matures ---Payments: Prin. \$ --- Due --- Bal. owing \$ ---Int. rate --- Due --- Total owing \$ --- (R.2.)(12) Judgments or other charges ---(13) Leased or rented to --- Amount \$ ---All or part --- Chattels included ---Terms ---(Community Hall and Secretary's small residence at rear). Total owing \$ ---(14) Insurance: Agent None. Company ---Pol. No. --- Amount \$ --- Premium \$ --- Exp. date ---(15) If liquidated: Amt. realized \$ --- Cash \$ --- Outstanding \$ ---(16) Agent H. J. Brown, Port Essington, B. C.Dated this 8th day of November, A.D. 1943.

Rec'd. by Accounting Dept.

Compiled by:

A.D. 1943.

LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File 12196.

Canadian Japanese Association.

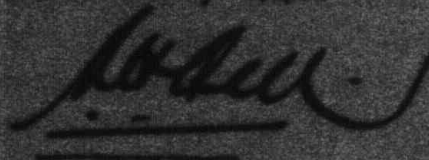
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\$3.02 B. C. Telephone Company, Vancouver. Statement Apr. 23/42
and Statutory Declaration Apr. 29/42. Paid by this office
Nov. 12/42 at request of Treasurer (Jenichi Kinoshita, File
8612) of Association, who remitted the funds for this purpose.

There are no other claims recorded in this file.

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

8th November, 1946.



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GENERAL SUMMARY

File 12196.

Canadian Japanese Association

Cat. No. —

The following is a summary of the contents of this file, as disclosed by a review made today.

Real Property: Real Property consists of a Community Hall and Secretary's small residence at rear on a small parcel of land in the town of Port Essington, as per Green Summary. Not sold at this date.

Personal Property: Chattels inventoried by Custodian Agent (Jan. 20/43) presumably still on premises. Those found in Vancouver (May 16/44 and May 26/45) are not at the addresses indicated and are under investigation by Mr. Wills.

Specified Articles: None.

Bills Receivable: None.

Bonds, Shares, etc.: None.

Bank Accounts: None.

Life Insurance: None.

Liabilities: The only liability (\$8.02) recorded was paid Nov. 12/42, as per Liabilities Summary.

Funds: The balance of \$4.00 standing at the credit of this account at the present time is made up as follows:

May 20/43	Certificate of Encumbrance	\$ 1.00	
July 8/44	Rent of small house (at rear of Hall) 2 mos. @ \$5.00		\$10.00
Jan. 17/45	Valuation Fee	\$ 5.00	
Today	Balance at Credit	\$ 4.00	
		\$10.00	\$10.00

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

8th November, 1946.

[Signature]

File 12196

INFORMATION RELATIVE TO OFFICERS OF THE
CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

BUNJI HISAOKA, reported by the Registrar to be the President of the Association, is a Naturalized Canadian, now 59 years old. He was interned on June 4, 1942 and released on December 15, 1942 on the condition that he accept employment with C. A. Gardner, Timber Contractor, Port Arthur, Ontario. He returned to Japan on October 2, 1946 with his wife Ayako, file 6640. This Japanese apparently owned two of the four shares in the Stanley Park Shipyard but transferred these to Wm. Ellison who owned one share, prior to evacuation. From a letter on file written by G. W. McPherson to the R. C. M. P. it appears that a Mr. Sleigh, a steamboat inspector, stated that Hisaoka had told him he was a Naval Architect in the Japanese Navy. This letter also states that Mr. Ellison (one of the shareholders) had heard him make derogatory remarks concerning troops marching past the shipyards.

File 3357

TOYOSHI KAWATA, reported to be the Secretary of the Association, is a Naturalized Canadian, now 67 years of age according to the R.C.M.P. report. His wife is Asano Kawata, File 10399. From an extract from a Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association Limited letter, it would appear that this man owned a corner grocery before evacuation but had disposed of it prior to registration to a Chinese. He signed a "no Property" card on November 7, 1942. He was evacuated on May 28, 1942. On December 30, 1946, his address was Minto Mine, B. C.

rec'd

JENICHI WILLIAM KINOSHITA, reported to be the Treasurer of the Association, is a Naturalized Canadian, now 50 years of age. He has a wife, Kohana, file 8212, and three minor sons. Before evacuation he resided at 554 East Cordova Street, which property was owned by his wife. He stated in his Custodian Declaration made on May 11, 1942, that he was the Manager of the Japanese Department of the Royal Bank of Canada, Hastings & Main, Vancouver. He was evacuated to Slocan on June 1, 1942.

File 8612

SAKAE ARIKADO,

File 1788

is Canadian born, now 43 years of age. He was taken into custody in 1942 for failure to report for registration as instructed. He was interned on May 22, 1942 and conditionally released on November 9, 1942. His wife is Connie Furesu Arikado, File 7765. Prior to evacuation he was bookkeeper for the Deep Bay Logging Company and lived at 2118 1/2 West 41st Avenue. His father and mother are both in Canada.

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Cat. No. (Assoc.)

File No. 12196.

Name: Canadian Japanese Association.

Reg. No. —

Address: Port Essington, B. C.

Legal Description: The Easterly Twenty-eight (28) feet (from front to rear) of Lot Thirteen (13), Block One (1), Townsite of Port Essington, Map 537.

Classification: Community Hall (40' x 20'), and Secretary's small residence at rear.

Registered in the name of: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION.

State of Title (No. 10383-I): Clear.

Sold to:

For:

As at:

New Title (No.) delivered to on:

Completed statement of sale mailed to on:

Chattels: Under investigation.

Insurance: None.

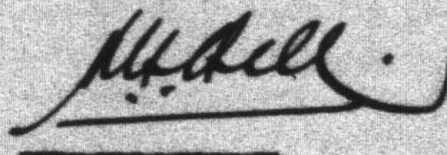
Administration: This property consists of the East 28' of a 50' Port Essington city lot (the W.22' being owned jointly by Files 639 & 1348—Cat. 741). Improvements consist of a 1-storey Hall (40' x 20') with secretary's small residence at the rear.

W. H. Shortridge's appraisal of this property reads: "Value of house about \$300.00 (Three Hundred Dollars)." which appears to omit the Hall. The assessed value of the land is \$60.00; Improvements \$300.00; or a total of \$360.00 on which 1946 taxes amounted to \$7.11, making total amount of taxes outstanding at this date \$27.96, plus interest.

The only revenue earned by this property was \$10.00 in 1944, representing 2 months rent, @ \$5.00 per month, for Secretary's residence.

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

10th January, 1947.



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REPORT

EVALUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 1 1943
File No.	12196
Ans.	
Referred	<i>referred</i>

The No. 2 District Fishermen's Association (Japanese)
(Formerly The Skeena Fishermen's Association)

Buildings. One story building of frame construction, 20ft. x 40ft. situated on Lots 13/14 Block 1, Port Essington, B.C. Used as a hall for meetings, etc. Also a small house at rear used as Secretary's dwelling.

Contents. Hall:- I Coal Heater, I Library Desk, I Chair, I Lamp.
House:- I Roll Top Desk, I Library Table, I Stationery Rack, I Round Table, 2 Heaters, I Oil Lamp, a few Kitchen Utensils.

Remarks. Buildings in fair shape and windows boarded up.

The lot numbers do not seem to come right and do not agree with the map, however you may not wish for this information, but if you require it I will get it from the Land Registry Office in Prince Rupert. I think two of the buildings are on one lot or part of one.

L. J. Brown

Port Essington, B.C.
January 20th, 1943

Mar. 10/43

Card:

Lot 13 (E. 29'), Bl. 1, Subd. D.L. 45,
Plan 537, Port Essington Townsite, R. 5,
Coast District.

Ass. Notice to: Canadian Japanese Assoc.
Land: \$60; Imprv. \$300. (see over)

OUR FILE 1-C.

YOUR FILE _____

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY _____

TO Provincial Collector.



Prince Rupert, B. C.,
October 12th, 1950.

F. G. Shears, Esq., Director,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of the Custodian,
506 - Royal Bank Bldg.,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Rec'd	<i>Oct. 14/50</i>
File No.	<i>12196</i>
Attn.	
Referred	<i>F. G. Shears</i>

Dear Sir: Re: "Lot 13 (E. 28 ft.), Bk. 1, Subdiv. D.L. 45,
Plan 537, Port Essington Townsite, Range 5,
Coast District"-(1950 folio 586).
Reg. Owners: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION.

A check of the records of this office and those of the Prince Rupert Land Registry Office indicates the above property has been vested in the Custodian since February 26th, 1943.

In view of the fact that the land and school taxes levied on this property are in arrears for the years 1943 to 1950, inclusive, it would be appreciated if you would kindly advise if and when the vesting order on the above property will be released, in order that appropriate steps may be taken by this office to deal with these outstanding taxes.

The last known address of this association remains on our records to date as Port Essington, B. C. However, the Taxation notices mailed to that address have been returned to this office unclaimed, from year to year. Will you kindly therefore check your records and advise if you have any forwarding address of this association?

An early reply would be appreciated.

Yours truly,
George L. Brodie
G. L. Brodie,
Deputy Provincial Collector.

*smm

October 23, 1950.

Mr. George L. Brodie,
Deputy Provincial Collector,
Province of British Columbia,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lot 13 (E. 28 ft.) Blk. 1, Subdiv. D.L. 45,
Plan 537, Port Essington Townsite, Range 5,
Coast District - (1950 folio 586).
Reg. Owners: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION.
Your File 1-2.

We have for acknowledgment your letter of October 12th. This is a matter in regard to which we cannot be very helpful. Our file indicates that the Association was struck off the Register on the 28th of March, 1940. A letter dated August 20, 1946 on our files, reads:

"This is certified that Mr. Eikichi Kagetsu former president of this association duly appointed as Acting President of this Association.

Yours truly,
Canadian Japanese Association.
"B. HISAOKA"

President.

"J.W. KINOSHITA"

Sec. Tre."

We believe that Mr. B. Hisaoka returned to Japan in 1946 and the last address of Mr. J.W. Kinoshita was 730 Euclid Avenue, Toronto, Ont. Since the closing of the office of the Department of Labour in Vancouver, we have no means of knowing the present addresses of Japanese in Canada.

Mr. Eikichi Kagetsu's address on June 5, last was 8 Mountview Avenue, Toronto 9, Ont., in case you decide to write to him.

In so far as this property is concerned, it has not been dealt with by the Custodian and the orders-in-Council under which the property of Japanese evacuees has been administered by this office, has been revoked. Should you decide to deal with this property by means of tax sale, the Custodian will not be interested.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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OUR FILE 1-C.

YOUR FILE _____

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY _____

TO Provincial Collector.



Prince Rupert, B. C.,
October 25th, 1950.

F. G. Shears, Esq., Director,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of the Custodian,
506 - Royal Bank Building,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: "Lot 13 (E. 28 Ft.), Bk. 1, Subdiv. D.L. 45,
Plan 537, Port Essington Townsite, Range 5,
Coast District" - (1950 folio 586).
Reg. Owners: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION.

I have for acknowledgment your letter of the
23rd instant, relative to the above matter, for which I thank
you.

With reference to the last paragraph therein,
will you kindly favour the Prince Rupert Land Registry Office
with the required Vacating Certificate, as the Collector is
unable to deal with this property by means of tax sale while
the Vesting Order is still on file in that office.

Your early attention to this matter would be
appreciated.

Yours very truly,

George L. Brodie
G. L. Brodie,
DEPUTY PROVINCIAL COLLECTOR.

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October 26, 1950.

The Registrar,
Land Registry Office,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Easterly 28 ft. of Lot 13, Block 1, Map 537, D.L.45,
Townsite of Port Essington, Range 5, Coast District.

Enclosed please find certificate in duplicate vacating
the interest of the Custodian in the above-described property.

Would you kindly file one copy and return the dupli-
cate Vacating Certificate to this office marked with number and
date of filing.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FOS/GN
Encl.

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October 26, 1950.

G. L. Brodie, Esq.,
Deputy Provincial Collector,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Lot 13 (E. 28 Ft.) Blk. 1, Subdiv. D.L. 45,
Plan 537, Port Essington Townsite, Range 5,
Coast District - (1950 folio 586).
Reg. Owners: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION.

In reply to your letter of October 25th, we have
today withdrawn our vesting of the above Association, having
forwarded Vacating Certificate to the Registrar, Land Registry
Office, Prince Rupert.

Yours very truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director.

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OUR FILE 2. 1- C.

YOUR FILE 12196.

ADDRESS YOUR REPLY

TO Provincial Collector.



Prince Rupert, B. C.,
October 28th, 1950.

Rec'd	<u>OCT 31/50</u>
File No.	_____
Ans.	_____
Referred	<u>FG.S</u>

F. G. Shears, Esq., Director,
Japanese Evacuation Section,
Office of the Custodian,
506 - Royal Bank Building,
Hastings & Granville Sts.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir: Re: "Lot 13(E.28 ft.) Bk. 1, Subdiv.D.L.45,
Plan 537, Port Essington Townsite,
Range 5, Coast District." (folio 586).
Reg. Owners: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOC.

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter
of the 26th instant, advising that the Custodian has
vacated his interest in the above mentioned property.

Thanking you for your prompt attention in
this matter, I remain

Yours truly,
George L. Brodie
G. L. Brodie,
Deputy Provincial Collector.

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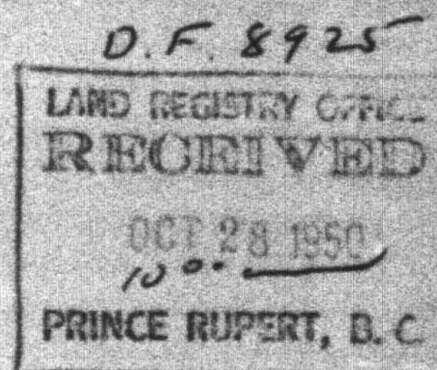
CANADA

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

ADDRESS ALL
COMMUNICATIONS
TO THE
CUSTODIAN'S OFFICE
PLEASE REFER
TO
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FILE NO.

VACATING CERTIFICATE



The Secretary of State of Canada acting in his capacity as Custodian under or by virtue of the Revised Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1943), by his duly authorized and lawful Deputy, hereby vacates the Certificate of Vesting registered in the Land Registry Office, Prince Rupert in the Province of British Columbia, on the 2nd day of April 1943 as No. 8925 and certifying that the interest of CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION in the Easterly 28 feet of Lot 13, Blk. 1, Subdiv. D.L. 45, Plan 537, Port Essington Townsite, Range 5, Coast District, is vested in the Custodian, and hereby relinquishes and releases any right which he the said Custodian may have in the said property by virtue of the Vesting in him of the interest of the said CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION.

DATED at Vancouver, B. C. this 26th Day of October, A.D. 1950.

F. G. Shears

(F. G. SHEARS)
Authorized Deputy of the Secretary
of State and/or Custodian

MEMORANDUM

File 12196

December 30, 1949.

TO: MR. F. G. SHEARS
FROM: MRS. A. G. McARTHUR

Re: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

According to a letter dated January 13, 1948, from the Registrar of Companies, the Canadian Japanese Association was dissolved on March 28, 1940.

Real Property belonging to the Association has therefore escheated to the Crown in the right of the Province and should therefore be dealt with accordingly.

You will find from the correspondence on file that the property in Port Essington is registered in the name Canadian Japanese Association but Mr. Kinoshita, an officer of the Canadian Japanese Association (headquarters Gore Avenue, Vancouver) stated that this Association did not own any property. I have attached to this file the files of Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association and the No. 2 District Fisherman's Association, both of which operated in that area, and either one of which might own this property. It is my own surmise that the Canadian Japanese Association arranged for the purchase and failed to specify the correct name of the registered owner.

I have had some little correspondence with the officers of the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association and the No. 2 District Fishermen's Association but the actual ownership of this property is still a mystery. It would therefore appear to be the simplest procedure to draw the matter to the attention of the Department of the Attorney General.

AGM/AC



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Fort Essington .B.C. Prince Rupert Land District.

Unlisted in Catalogue Lot 13: ^{25'} East ~~22'~~ Sk 1. Fort Essington.

At rear of Lot. Front building owned by Canadian Japanese Association, used as meeting hall, the house being used as residence of Secretary.

Small House 14' x 22' 1 story frame, shingled roof.

Lean to 12' x 16' ----- "

An old house, but condition fair

Value of house about \$ 300.00. Three hundred dollars.

Contents include, a roll top oak desk fair shape.

Oak double secretary's desk with 2 sets drawers each side, made in three sections-top, and two drawer sections, these could be sold seperately I would think, that is the two desks. The other furniture could go with the house as additional at valuation. 1 small table, 1 oil lamp, 2 coal heaters, and sundry kitchen utensils.

W. H. SHORTRIDGE.

Dominion of Canada**In the Matter of**

Province of BRITISH COLUMBIA

To Writ:

THE ESTATE OF CANADIAN JAPANESE
ASSOCIATION, of the City of
Vancouver, in the Province of
British Columbia.**I, MATTHEW H. BRIDGES**of the City
of Vancouver in the Province of British Columbia**Do Solemnly Declare that**

1. That I am a Clerk of the undermentioned creditor and have knowledge of all circumstances connected with the debt hereinafter referred to.

2. That the said Canadian Japanese Association, was at the 20th day of February, 1942, and still is justly and truly indebted to the BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY in the sum of Eight Dollars and Two Cents (\$8.02) as shown by the account hereto annexed and marked "A".

3. That the said BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY has not, nor has any person by its order to my knowledge or belief for its use, had or received any manner of satisfaction or security whatsoever.

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 Vancouver
in the Province of British Columbia
this 29th day of

April

A.D. 1942

C. H. Gillis
A. Commissioner for taking affidavits within British Columbia.

12196

August 8, 1942.

B. C. Telephone Co.,
768 Seymour Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Canadian Japanese Association.

Reference is made to your statement and claim that as of February 20 of this year the Canadian Japanese Association was indebted to you to the extent of \$8.02.

Your claim has been held in anticipation of the Canadian Japanese Association registering their assets with the Custodian, but to date we must inform you that no such registration has taken place. We would appreciate your informing us whether or not in the meantime settlement of your claim has been effected; if not, we would appreciate your informing us of the full names of the managers of the Association in question in order that we may refer your claim to them for their attention.

Yours truly,

RPA:MA

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

Alexander

BRITISH COLUMBIA TELEPHONE COMPANY

DISTRICT COMMERCIAL SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE
768 SEYMOUR STREET

J. D. JOHNSTON
DISTRICT COMMERCIAL SUPERINTENDENT

VANCOUVER, B.C.
August 14, 1942. OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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R. P. Alexander, Manager,
Department of the Secretary of State,
Japanese Evacuation Section.

FILE NO. 12192 ——— ?
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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst.
in connection with our claim in the amount of
\$8.02 against The Canadian Japanese Association.

For your information service was con-
tracted for under the name of Canadian Japanese
Association, per T. Kawata, Secretary.

^{Taiyosaku}
Further to your request we have had no
payment on our claim to date.

Yours truly,

S. A. Morgan

CHIEF ADJUSTER.

BA/HF

12196 & 10400

19th August, 1942.

Mr. Toyoshi KAWATA,
Registration No. 01655,
Minto City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The British Columbia Telephone Company has placed with us a claim for \$8.02 covering telephone service between April 1st and April 15th incurred by the Canadian Japanese Association.

They advise that Mr. T. Kawata was secretary of the Canadian Japanese Association and that service was contracted for in the name of the association by the secretary.

On the assumption that you were the secretary of the Canadian Japanese Association we would appreciate hearing from you as to what plan you have for meeting this obligation of the committee of the Japanese Association.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

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P. Alexander

The Department of the Security of State.

Office of Custodian.

506 Royal Bank Bldg.

Hastings St, Vancouver B.C.

Alexander

Winterville B.C.

Sept 12th 1942.

Dear Sir.

Referring to the your file no 12196 and 10400, which I have received on the 4th sept. regarding to the claim from B.C. Telephone Co. for the Telephone Service between April 1st to 15th on Canadian Japanese assn for \$8.02.

I am very sorry to say that I am not in position to attend this matter at present, because I had resigned my position as Secretary of the Canadian Japanese assn at 31st Jan 1942. But I would like to advise you that Mr Kenichi Kinoshita who is treasure of the assn and is living at Klocan B.C.

So you may be arrange with him.

Yours very truly
Kawata.

12196, 8612, 10400

September 21, 1942.

Mr. Jenichi William Kinoshita,
Registration No. 07161,
Griffin Lake, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: The Japanese Canadian Association

The B. C. Telephone Company has placed with us a claim for \$8.02 covering telephone service between April 1 and April 15 incurred by the Canadian Japanese Association. They advised that Mr. Toyoshi Kawata was the secretary of the Japanese Canadian Association and that service was contracted for in the name of the Association by the secretary.

Having referred this matter to Mr. Kawata we are advised by him that he is not in a position to attend to this matter in view of the fact that he resigned his position as secretary of the Canadian Japanese Association as of January 31, 1942. Mr. Kawata adds that as you are treasurer of the Association, we should communicate with you in this connection.

In view of the fact that you are the treasurer we would appreciate your being good enough to arrange to have sent to us a cheque for \$8.02 at the earliest possible opportunity, payable to the order of Mr. G. W. McPherson, Deputy Custodian, in order that we may effect settlement of this outstanding obligation on behalf of the Canadian Japanese Association.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA:MA

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

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McAlister
Hogan City
Oct 29/1942

Dear Sir

Re Canadian Japanese assn

In reply to your letter of Oct 19/42 file #12196 + 8612. In regard to above association indebtedness to BC Telephone Co the amount \$8.02 which are due.

I am treasurer of the association but I am not allowed to sign cheque alone but countersign by president Mr Hiraoka. At present I am regret to state that, owing president address unknown, unable to pay it from association fund, however, if you kindly allow me to pay BC Telephone Co from my own money in time being I am pleased to clear this account, and in the future I will straighten up with association the account.

wishing to have your earliest reply in the matter

I am.

Yours truly

J. KIRASHITA
J. KIRASHITA

12196 & 8612

October 30, 1942

Mr. Jenichi William KINOSHITA
Registration No. 07161
Griffin Lake, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re The Japanese-Canadian Association

We wrote you on September 21st, in your capacity as Treasurer of the Japanese-Canadian Association, in connection with a bill for \$8.02 placed against your Association by the B. C. Telephone Company. Not having received any reply from you, we drew this matter to your attention again by means of a note dated October 10th.

Would you please be good enough to give this matter immediate attention?

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander
Manager

RPA:NDE

OUR FILE.....

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY.....

TO.....



Court House,
Prince Rupert, B.C.
January 12, 1943.

EVACUATION SECTION	
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Ass.	
Referred	<i>Jan 16 1943</i>

File Canadian Japanese Case.

Ian Macpherson Esq,
Title Examiner,
Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

In furtherance to your letter of December 3rd, and this office reply December 16th, respectfully advise having heard from our local constable stationed at Port Essington who confirms there is no known property under either of the names: Skeena Fisherman's Association or K.Miwa.

R 1/12

However in delving into the matter further it is found that the Canadian Japanese Association is the registered owner of the East 28 feet of Lot 13, Block 1, Subd.D.L.45, Pl.537, R.5,C.D. (Port Essington) and it is deemed likely that this is the property you may have reference to. In case this should be so I am enclosing herewith copy of Assessment Notice for the year 1943 (Folio 561).

I am also enclosing a detailed sketch plan of Block 1 showing location of the above mentioned holding of the Canadian Japanese Ass'n, along with other Japanese holdings therein. ✓

Yours faithfully

Geo. W. Cripps

Geo. W. Cripps
Provincial Assessor

*o/c-encls covering
Original sketch
Port Essington on
(new general file to be made)*

February 15th, 1943.

Geo. W. Cripps, Esq.,
Provincial Assessor,
Court House,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: The East 28' of Lot 13, Blk. 1, Subd. D.L. 45,
Pl. 537, R. 5, C.D., Port Essington -
Canadian Japanese Association.

I wish to thank you for yours of January 12th and especially appreciate the trouble you have taken in our behalf and for the excellent plan of the property which you attached. I realize the amount of trouble and time that you have given to this matter which results in the discovery of a parcel of land in Japanese interest and which we had no previous knowledge.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson
Title Examiner

IM:PB

MEMO FOR THE FILE

March 4th, 1943.

Re: East 28th of Lot 13, Blk. 1, Subd. D. L.
AS, Plan 537, Range 5, S. D. S. Port Essington.

The Registrar, Prince Rupert, reports that title to this property is in the name of the Canadian Japanese Association and the title is in the hands of the Canadian Japanese Assoc., Gore Ave.

Neither Mr. K. Miwa nor Kanematsu NAGAMI has a registered interest in this property. Insofar as the Nagami file is concerned the matter is closed.

DM:PB

MEMORANDUM

Files: 5622

May 6, 1944.

~~12196~~

12196

Follow up on this file only

To: Mr. Green

From: Mr. Spain

Re: Canadian Japanese Association

Mr. Frank Wilson of Bradley-Wilson Ltd., Estate agents for the "Orange Hall", 341 Gore Avenue, reported crated and packed Furniture at that address to be removed.

The matter was investigated and in the basement of this large building was found one locked room containing what appeared to be Association Office Furniture and possibly records in the crated boxes. The following articles were clearly in evidence:

- 1 Large Combination Safe Cabinet (for books)
- (✓) - 2 Roll Paper Cutters
- 2 Iron Ballot Boxes
- Several Filing Cabinets (crated)
- 1 Large Heavy Brass Vase
- 1 Bucket
- 20 or 30 Cartons (paper lanterns etc.)
- 1 Iron Copy Press

The building is to be converted into flats and the Janitor says everything should be moved before they commence alterations in about three weeks.

Following our (regular practice) I would write to Mr. Jenichi KINOSHITA, Slocan City, to obtain the combination of the safe, instead of having it drilled and opened in Vancouver.

Possibly it contains the Association records, and before selling the safe, filing cabinets etc., and retaining the records as personal property, I feel that some further consideration should be given to this subject, in view of the fact that it is an association and not an individual.

Your further instructions will be appreciated.

GBS/pls

Mr. M. Spain

MEMORANDUM

File No.: 12196

May 10th, 1944.

To: Mr. Spain

From: Mr. Green

Re: Canadian Japanese Association

Thank you for yours of May 6th. As far as I can discover, these are the property of the Association brought down from Prince Rupert at the time of evacuation. I have referred to the files of Toyoshi Kawata, file 10400, former secretary, and Jenichi Kinoshita, file 8612, present treasurer, without securing any information. In a letter written by the latter, there is a reference written to the president, Mr. Hisaoka, being probably Bunji of that ilk, file 3352. A cursory glance at his very large file gives no information and from my experience with him, he is unlikely to answer any enquiries.

Under these circumstances, I am afraid all these items will have to be stored by us and should not be sold, at least for the time being. Without further instructions, the safe should not be tampered with.

HFG:IF

MEMORANDUM

File 12196

May 16, 1944.

To: Mr. Green

From: Mr. Spain

Re: Canadian Japanese Association

All of the articles found stored in a locked room of the basement in the Orange Hall, Gore Avenue, were removed and taken for storage to 154 West 5th Avenue.

The following is a list of articles stored:

- 2 Tin Boxes
- 1 Brass Jardiniere
- 26 Packages (contents unknown)
- 2 Cartons (contents unknown)
- 17 Cases
- 5 Boxes
- 1 Safe Cabinet (for books)
- 1 Copy Press
- 1 Paper Roller

GBS/pls

no. to Spain

Noted

Bank of Montreal,
MAIN & HASTINGS STREETS BRANCH
390 MAIN STREET
Vancouver, B.C.

File 12196

July 7th, 1944.

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
360 Homer Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Canadian Japanese Association

We have been asked to advise you that J.W.
Kinoshita is authorized to sign for the above
account jointly with B. Hisaoka.

Yours faithfully,

R.F. Raikes
Pro Manager
R.F. Raikes

RFR:BN

12196

April 2nd 1945

The Provincial Registrar
of Companies,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please inform me if the Canadian Japanese Association of Prince Rupert is presently on the list of Registered Companies of the Province of British Columbia. This Association we believe was formerly known as the Skeena Fishermen's Association or number two (2) District Fishermen's Association. If this association under any of these names is at present a registered Association we shall require a Certified copy of its articles of Association and if you will advise as to a standing and the fee for a Certificate we will communicate with you again.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson,
Title Examiner.

IM:ML

MEMORANDUM

TO

*file
12/196*

Mr. Ian Macpherson,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

RE:

Canadian Japanese Association of Prince Rupert

Replying to your letter of the 2nd instant, I beg to
advise that there is no record here of the above named
association.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C.

April 3rd 194 5

521-243-6005 (2)

H. G. GARRETT
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

PER G.W.

April 17th 1945

The Registrar of
Companies,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

The Canadian Japanese Association is the registered owner of a parcel of land at Port Essington, British Columbia, and you have informed me that this Association is not now on your list of Registered Associations. As this Association is the registered owner of land it is presumed that at that time it was a registered association, and I shall be glad if you will inform me if it is possible to have it reinstated with you and what documents are necessary to have this done.

Yours truly,

Ian Macpherson,
Title Examiner.

IM:ML

File No. 1567 (Spec)

April 18th, 1945

~~MEMORANDUM~~

TO: MR. C. PETERSON

FROM: MR. L. V. WRIGHT

SUB: Parcels of Real Estate Held by
Associations and Societies

Spec. No. 1567 - Lot 9, Block 6 of
Section 15, Range 7N, Twp 24N,
S.W. of Township 15 North of 1st Range

It is noted from your memo of the 17th instant that the above property is registered in the name of Spec. No. 1567; also that the Custodian is collecting the rents.

The Special Vesting Order, signed by the Deputy Custodian, was filed in the Registry Office merely to supplement the Vesting Certificate that had already been deposited. This Order was not obtained for the purpose of enabling the Custodian to offer the property for sale.

The Order in Council relates only to property of natural persons and not of juridical persons. The difficulty is that "persons" is defined in R.S.A. as follows:

"Persons of the Japanese race and any person of the Japanese race required to leave any restricted area of British Columbia by order of the Minister of Justice under Regulation 4, or member, of the Japanese of Canada Regulations (Consolidation) 1943".

It is agreed that property must refer to the property of persons, that is natural persons of the Japanese race required to leave the restricted area and cannot be limited to include property of Japanese Companies or Associations.

It is expected that Mr. A. W. McPherson will visit Vancouver early next month and while he is here, we intend to ask him to recommend that the Order in Council be amended by express provision and made applicable to Japanese Companies, Associations and Societies. If Mr. McPherson agrees, and the Minister obtains Cabinet approval, we will then be in a position to liquidate the various parcels of Real Estate owned by Associations and Societies.

Unless and until this is brought about, I am of opinion that the Custodian should not offer any of such parcels for sale.

We have two or three cases in the office where title stands in the name of individuals and there is some evidence to indicate they held the same for a particular Association. I have approved liquidation of these on the understanding that the funds received from sale be placed to the credit of the Association, pending determination of their rights, if any, to such funds.

LW/ST

L. V. WRIGHT



THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

OFFICE OF THE
REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES
VICTORIA, B.C.

April 21st, 1945.

Ian Macpherson, Esq.,
Title Examiner,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	APR 23 1945
File No.	12196
Ans.	
Referred	Macpherson

Dear Sir:

Re The Canadian Japanese
Association.

Replying to your letter of the 17th instant I beg to advise that this association can be restored to the register under subsection (2) of section 35 of the "Societies Act".

It is impossible for me to state just now what returns I would require to be filed until I know something more of the situation. I find its last Report is dated as far back as the 26th January, 1933. Have you the Minute books of the association? If so, it might be possible for reports to be made up for the intervening years.

The association could be restored temporarily if the only reason for restoring it is to transfer its land to some other party, in which case I would not require any returns to be filed.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

W. S. Kennedy
Deputy Registrar of Companies.

*Referred to
Mr. Sheppard*
WLL/MB

L2196 & G/74
Evacuee Section

507 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
April 24th, 1945

Messrs. Locke, Lane, Guild & Sheppard,
Barristers and Solicitors,
470 Granville Street,
Vancouver, B. C.

Attention: Mr. Sheppard

Re: Maple Ridge Co-operative Produce Exchange

Dear Sirs:

When you were in the office some days ago, I was not aware that Mr. Ian Macpherson, Title Examiner, had addressed a letter to the Registrar of Companies in regard to the Canadian Japanese Association of Prince Rupert, as follows:

"The Canadian Japanese Association is the registered owner of a parcel of land at Port Essington, British Columbia, and you have informed me that this Association is not now on your list of Registered Associations. As this Association is the registered owner of land it is presumed that at that time it was a registered association, and I shall be glad if you will inform me if it is possible to have it reinstated with you and what documents are necessary to have this done".

A reply has now been received and for your information we enclose a copy.

It is not suggested that this is on all fours with the Maple Ridge case, but the reply gives some indication of the Department's attitude and we thought it might be useful for you to have this.

Yours truly,

K. W. WRIGHT
COUNSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

KW/JV
Encl.

MEMORANDUM

ENEMY SECTION

Rec'd MAY 26 1945

File No.

Ans'd

Refer'd

File No. 12196

May 26th, 1945.

TO: Mr. K. W. Wright

FROM: Mr. G. B. Spain

RE: Canadian Japanese Association

In the Tairiku Nippo Sha (Continental Daily News) there are:

2 Large cases Japanese red and white paper lanterns (No Japanese flag or inscription) with wax candles.

Mr. Albert H. Young who went over the building with me and at my request for the purpose of identifying the chattels, has recommended that these lanterns, which have little real value, but considerable bulk in storage, should be sold.

I should be pleased to have your authority to sell.

Mr. G. B. Spain

Approved
28/5/45

CHATELS SCHEDULE

File 12196.

CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION.

<u>H. J. Brown's report (Jan. 20/43):</u>	<u>Shipped</u>	<u>Sold</u>	<u>Stored</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
(1) Heater			Hall	
(2) Desk			Hall	
(3) Chair			Hall	
(4) Lamp			Hall	
(5) Desk (roll top)			House	
(6) Library Table			House	
(7) Stationery Rack			House	
(8) Round Table			House	
(9) Heaters (2)			House	
(10) Oil Lamp			House	
(11) Kitchen Utensils (few)			House	
<u>G. B. Spain's Memo (May 6/44):</u>				
(12) Large Combination Safe Cabinet	}	}	}	Found in locked room in basement of 341 Gore Ave., Vancouver.
(13) Ball Paper Cutters (2)				
(14) Ballot Boxes (2)				
(15) Filing Cabinets (in crate)				
(16) Large Brass Vase				
(17) Basket				
(18) Paper Lanterns (20-30 cartons)				
(19) Copy Press				
<u>G. B. Spain's Memo (May 16/44):</u>				
(20) Tin Boxes (2)	}	}	}	(Everything) moved from 341 Gore Ave. to 154 West 5th Ave., Vancouver. See footnote.
(21) Brass Jardiniers				
(22) Packages (26)				
(23) Cartons (2)				
(24) Cases (17)				
(25) Boxes (5)				
(26) Safe Cabinet				
(27) Copy Press				
(28) Paper Roller				
<u>G. B. Spain's Memo (May 26/45):</u>				
(29) Large Paper Lanterns (red and white) with candles (2 cases)				See Footnote.

E. & O. E.
9th JANUARY, 1947.

RGB/P.

(SEE OVER FOR "NOTES").

CHATELAIN SCHEDULE....Page 2.

- NOTES:** (1) to (11): Prince Rupert agents being asked today to advise if these articles are still stored in this Port Essington Hall and House.
- (12) to (19): Chateaux Department (G. B. Spain) reported verbally that everything found at Orange Hall, 341 Gore Avenue, was removed to 154 West 5th Avenue, Vancouver, and (20) to (28) below must be taken as replacing (12) to (19).
- (20) to (28): The Chateaux Department (Mr. Wills) reports that 154 West Fifth Avenue was broken into repeatedly and a special effort will now be made to ascertain which of these items remained and were removed to 604 Cordova Street storage.
- (29): This item was sold and, ownership being in doubt, proceeds have been transferred (Oct. 13/46) to Auction Suspense Account.

CHATELS SCHEDULE

File 12196.

Canadian Japanese Association

Cat. No. —

Agent's (H. J. Brown)
Inventory (Jan. 20/43):

	Shipped	Sold	Stored	Remarks
(1) Coal Heater) Left in Assoc.) Hall, at) Port Essington,) B. C.
(2) Library Desk				
(3) Chair				
(4) Lamp				
(5) Roll top Desk) Left in House) (rear of Assoc.) Hall).
(6) Library Table				
(7) Stationary rack				
(8) Round Table				
(9) Heaters (2)				
(10) Oil Lamp				
(11) Kitchen utensils (few)				

Geo. B. Spain's Memorandum
(May 16/44):

(12) Tin Boxes (2)) Found in Grange) Hall, Gore Ave.,) Vancouver, and) later removed) to storage at) 154 West Fifth) Avenue, Vancouver,) B. C.
(13) Brass Jardiniere				
(14) Packages (26—contents unknown)				
(15) Cartons (2—contents unknown)				
(16) Cases (17—contents unknown)				
(17) Boxes (5)				
(18) Safe Cabinet				
(19) Copy Press				
(20) Paper Roller				

*13 B Nov '66
Mr. Wells under inventory
to Assoc.*

Geo. B. Spain's Memorandum
(May 26/45):

(21) Japanese red and white paper lanterns, with wax candles (2 large cases)		(A)) Located in Continental) Daily News Building,) Vancouver, B. C.
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E. & O. E.
8th NOVEMBER, 1946.

RGB/P.

*13/11/66 (A) Transferred Oct. 18/46 from files 13191 (Sakaichi
UMEZUKI, R/44223) to Acc. Suspense C.*

COPY

Aug. 20th, 1946

Toronto, Ont.

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

Dear Sirs,-

This is certified that Mr. Hikichi
Kagetsu former president of this association duly
appointed as Acting President of this Association.

Yours truly.

Canadian Japanese Association.

"B. HISAKA"

President.

"J.W. KINOSHITA"

Sec Tre.

The Royal Bank of Canada

Prince Rupert, B.C.

January 15th, 1947.

Please address
all communications
to the Manager

Refer to file

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 18 1947
File	
Ans.	
Referred	

The Custodian of Enemy Property,
Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

We wish to advise that we are holding the sum of \$162.34 at the credit of an organization known as the No. 2 District Fishermen's Association, Port Essington, B.C. This was a Japanese organization and our records indicate the following officers were the last to have control of the account.

Pres. - K. Miwa
Treas. - K. Nagami

No entries have been made in the account for over two years. We would appreciate your advising us if it will be in order to transfer this account to you for disposition.

Yours truly,

W. H. Cunningham

pro Manager.

ABA/B

K. Nagami died in 1944

12196.

January 18th, 1947.

Messrs. H. G. Helgerson Ltd.,
216 Sixth Street,
Prince Rupert, B. C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Canadian Japanese Assoc. Hall at Port Essington.

This file is up for review and from the evidence available therein the Chattels inventoried by Mr. H. J. Brown on January 20th, 1943, would still appear to be on the premises. The following is the list in question:

(1) Heater	}	In Association Hall
(2) Desk		
(3) Chair		
(4) Lamp		
(5) Desk (roll top)	}	In Secretary's House
(6) Library Table		
(7) Stationery Rack		
(8) Round Table		
(9) Heaters (2)		
(10) Oil Lamp		
(11) Kitchen Utensils (few)		

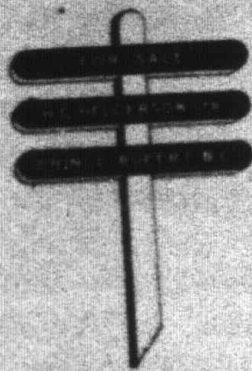
It would be appreciated if you can advise us whether these chattels are still on the premises.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Bell,
Office of the Custodian.

RCB/P.

N. E. ARNOLD, MGR.
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May 9th 1947.

12196

Mr. F.G. Shears,
506 Royal Bank Building,
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Mr. Shears: -

MAY 12 1947	
Rec'd	42854
File No.	216/47
Ans.	
Replied	Mr. Shears

Mr. Hugh Brown of Port Essington has informed me from time to time of the condition of the properties in Port Essington.

The buildings are being continually broken into and ransacked, windows and doors are smashed and entrance has even been made through the roof in some cases. The local policeman makes every effort to catch the persons concerned but can get no evidence of account. He is convinced that much of it is the work of adults and not children.

In the Japanese Association Building a roll top desk has been damaged and should be sold to avoid complete destruction. Mr. Brown has boarded up all the buildings but even this does not stop the damage.

Mr. Perkins of the Caledonia Hotel, Port Essington has made us an offer of \$20.00 for the toilet in the Kamada store building and we submit the offer for your consideration.

What can be done about the destruction is beyond me. I have thought at times of visiting Port Essington to look things over but could not see what advantage that would be.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours very truly,

H.G. HELGERSON LTD.,

Nora E. Arnold

Manager.

NEA:be

P. S. ROSS & SONS

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

MONTREAL TORONTO WINNIPEG
CALGARY VANCOUVER411 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.
16th May, 1947.Office of the Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Rec'd	MAY 16 1947
File No.	
Ans.	
Replied	

Dear Sirs:

Re: Canadian Japanese Associations

Mr. Shaw of the Royal Bank of Canada, East End Branch telephoned yesterday to advise us that there is still a safety deposit box held at that branch for the above Association.

The signing officers for the association are E. Kagetsu, Masajiro, Miyazaki and T. Kawaka.

The rental is overdue and Mr. Shaw would like to know whether or not you wish the box to be continued.

Yours faithfully,

P. S. Ross & Sons
Frederick Fred C.

? Dr. M. Miyazaki #02139 } 7/5/47
- Lillooet B.C.

Goshiki Miyazaki - a trustee for Japanese Jap. Lang. Sch.

File ~~1219~~ 12196
Messrs. H. G. Helgerson Ltd.,
P.O. Box 593,
Prince Rupert, B.C.

Dear Mrs. Arnold:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th instant in which you report on the condition of the properties at Port Essington.

We thank you for your concern in regard to this matter but it is our opinion that this is one of those cases where beyond doing all that is reasonable in the way of protection, the circumstances do not warrant any further expense in the way of an attempt at adequate supervision.

If you are not already aware of the fact, it is the present policy of the Government not to dispose of Japanese properties remaining unsold, without the consent of the owner, and the whole question of whether the Japanese will be able to submit claims for loss by the sale of properties by the Custodian is at present under consideration.

In addition to this the sale of the toilet, to which you refer, is such a small matter that we are inclined to think that we should take no action and that it should remain on the Kaneda store property.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,
Director

FCS/PMH

MEMORANDUM

To

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 14 1948
File No.	12196
Ans.	John
Referred	Mr. McArthur

RE: The Canadian Japanese Association.

Replying to your letter of the 9th instant in connection with the above association I presume you mean the "Canada-Japanese Association", which was struck off the register and dissolved under section 35 of the "Societies Act" on 28th March, 1940.

*Title in name: Canadian
Japanese Association*

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C.

Jan. 13th 1948.

10M-447-2512 (8)

REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

PER N.B.

12196

January 16, 1948.

The Registrar of Companies,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

We acknowledge with thanks your letter of January 13.

According to Certificate of Encumbrance obtained from the Prince Rupert Land Registry Office, dated April 2, 1943, Certificate of Title No. 10383/I is registered in the name Canadian Japanese Association. In our previous correspondence with you relative to this Association, you have not mentioned an error in the name. Is it possible that there are two associations with similar names as it does not appear logical that the Land Registry Office would accept a conveyance without evidence of the incorporation of the Transferee.

When replying would you please supply us with a Certified copy of the Articles of the Association, together with a statement of your fee for same.

Yours very truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

MEMORANDUM

To

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 22 1948
File No.	12196
Ans.	<i>[Signature]</i>
Referred	<i>[Signature]</i>

RE: Canadian Japanese Association.

Replying to your further letter of the 16th instant I find that the correct name of this association is as set out above and not "Canada-Japanese Association" as stated in my previous memorandum. I find that the name was incorrectly set out in our index.

The cost of a certified copy of the By-laws of the association with all amendments will be \$13.00 and these will be forwarded to you as soon as possible. I might say that it will be two or three weeks before I will be able to let you have these as the office is shorthanded at present owing to illness.

PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS, VICTORIA, B.C.

Jan. 21st 1948.

REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES

Per M.B.

12196

January 23, 1948.

The Registrar of Companies,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B. C. -

Dear Sir:

Re: Canadian Japanese Association.

We wish to thank you for your letter of January 21
in which you confirm Canadian Japanese Association as the correct
name of this society.

Since it was not anticipated that the cost of the
copy of the By-Laws would be so much and as this Association
has no cash assets at present, we wish to postpone our request
for a copy of the By-Laws at this time.

Would you kindly make a note of this.

Yours very truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

12196

January 23, 1948.

Mr. Eikichi Kagetsu,
Registration No. 00014,
33 Howard Street,
Toronto 5, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION.

We have been advised by the Registrar of Companies that the last report of this Association was filed on January 26, 1933,

At various times since the evacuation of Japanese persons from the British Columbia coastal area, information has been received concerning the present officers, some of which is conflicting, and we would be glad if you could give us some information on the set-up. In a letter written by Jenichi Kinoshita, reference is made to Mr. Hisaoka as President and the Manager of the Bank of Montreal, Main and Hastings Streets, stated on July 7, 1944, that J. W. Kinoshita and B. Hisaoka were the authorized signing officers for the Canadian Japanese Association given to the Bank.

More recently, namely on May 16, 1947, the Royal Bank of Canada, East End Branch, advised that there was still a safety deposit box held at that branch for the Canadian Japanese Association, the signing officers being E. Kagetsu, Masajiro, Miyasaki and T. Kawaka, and that the rental for the box was overdue. No action has been taken by this office with reference to this box and we would be glad to have your advice in this matter, together with as much information as you can give concerning the Canadian Japanese Association.

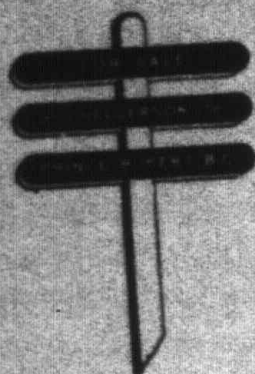
As you are no doubt aware, a small parcel of land on which is built a Community Hall with a small residence at the rear at Port Essington is registered in the name of the Canadian Japanese Association. According to the Registrar of Companies, this Association was struck from the register and dissolved on March 28, 1940. If it is possible for the present officers to get together and decide what disposition is to be made of the property belonging to the Association, we would be pleased to hear from you in this regard also.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

N. E. ARNOLD, MGR.
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August 30th 1948.

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

Dear Sirs: -

Re: Skeena Fishermen's Assoc. Building
Port Essington

The above building is in poor repair and the roof leaking. We had the opportunity to rent it to a fisherman for \$5.00 a month for storage of nets and he will repair the building and make it water tight.

We received four months rent in advance and trust this is satisfactory. Please send us the file number for our monthly statement.

Yours very truly,

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CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
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JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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FILE NO. _____

806 ROYAL BANK BLDG.
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VANCOUVER, B. C.

Received from the Office of the Custodian,

Company seal of the "Canadian Japanese Association"

November 30th 1948.

E. Ragitsen

November 29, 1948.

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

Dear Sirs:

✓ This is to inform you that the Canadian
✓ formerly 329 Gore Ave., Vancouver B.C. E. K.
Japanese Association has no interest in the property described
as the Easterly 28 feet of Lot 13, Block 1, Townsite of Port
Essington, Map 537, situated in Port Essington, British Columbia
and which is now registered in the name "Canadian Japanese
Association".

E. Kagetsu

Eikichi KAGETSU

Acting President,
Canadian Japanese Association.

Copy given to Mr. Kagetsu.

November 29th, 1948.

RE: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

The Safe presently stored at the Warehouse of W. R. Campbell Limited and on which is printed "The Canadian Japanese Association", was opened today, November 29th, 1948, by Mr. Fletcher of Fletcher Lock and Safe Company Limited in the presence of Mr. & Mrs. Eikichi KAGETSU, Sakae ARIKADO and Mr. W. J. Johnston and the following goods, documents and papers were removed, inspected and replaced in the safe, being declared by Mr. Eikichi KAGETSU as being of no value to the Association above mentioned.

1 Cash Box containing 2 small Medals
 2 Bank Books
 2 Receipt Books
 2 Black Note Books and miscellaneous.
 4 Black Books containing lists of names.
 Package of Photos addressed to Association from Box 457,
 Duncan, B. C.
 6 Ledger Books.
 Bundle of Letter files and contents.
 Large Account Book.
 Folder of Correspondence.
 Large Book of Records.
 Japanese calendar.
 Sundry cheque books, deposit books, bank books, etc.
 1 Card Index.
 Large Japanese Flag, (Sun on white background).
 Bundle of Bank Books.
 Scrapbook of Newspaper clippings.

E. Kagetsu
 Signature.

H. Arikado
 Witness.

To: Custodian of Enemy Property

I, Eikichi KAGETSU, acting on behalf of the Canadian Japanese Association hereby declare I have no further interest in, or use for, the above mentioned goods, documents and papers, and authorize you to dispose of them as you may see fit.

E. Kagetsu
 Signature.

WJJ/CH

Nov. 30/48.

Left with Custodian:

1. Papers belonging to S. Takahashi
2. Japanese Canadian Citizenship Minute Book - Taken by Capt. Gordon for interpretation
3. Report of Meeting re Naturalization of Members.

W. Johnston

November 29th, 1948.

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Record of Premiums paid to Sun Life Assurance Company by Members.
 Letter to Consulate at Seattle.
 Package of Office papers.
 Blank stationery - ledger statements, etc.
 List of naturalized Members.
 Maroon, velvet head table cover.
 Association Minute Book for 1940 and 1941 showing T. KAWATA, Secretary and J. W. KINOSHITA, Treasurer.
 File of various reports.
~~Papers belonging to Centre TAKAHASHI~~ Left with Custodian. *off*
 Several Silks with Japanese writing on them.
 Book of donations.
 List of Reports in Japanese.
 2 Folders of Receipts and Reports.
 2 Minute books covering Welfare work in Association.
 Association Cash Book.
 Minute Book - 1934.
 Minute Book - 1929.
 Reports - 1929.
 Cash Book - 1929.
~~Japanese Canadian Citizen League Minute Book.~~ Left with Custodian. *off*
 Cash box with Bank papers.
 Cardboard Directory showing Members looking after various districts in British Columbia, in connection with Association.
 Tin Box containing 6 locks and keys.
 Bank of Montreal Deposit Book - 1928, 29 and 30.

E. Kagetsu

Signature.

WJJ/CH

H. Arikado

Witness.

Nov. 30/48.

Report of meeting re Naturalization of Members also left with Custodian.

W. J. Johnston

12196

November 30, 1948.

Custodian of Enemy Property,
506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I, Eikichi Kagetsu, on behalf of the Canadian Japanese Association ask you to sell the safe belonging to the Canadian Japanese Association now held in storage by the Custodian for the sum of \$25.00 less the cost of opening the safe, \$7.50, and any other expenses which may accrue relative to disposition of the safe, and this shall be your authority for so doing.

E. Kagetsu

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November 30, 1948.

W. R. Campbell Limited,
Ft. of McLean Drive,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

This will be your authority to deliver to the
Fletcher Lock Company one safe on which is printed the name,
Canadian Japanese Association.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/mw

November 29, 1945.

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

Dear Sirs:

This is to inform you that the Canadian
formerly 329 Gore Ave Vancouver B.C.
Japanese Association has no interest in the property described
as the Easterly 25 feet of Lot 13, Block 1, Townsite of Port
Essexington, Map 537, situated in Port Essexington, British Columbia
and which is now registered in the name "Canadian Japanese
Association".

"Eiichi Kagetsu"
EIICHI KAGETSU

Acting President,
Canadian Japanese Association.

MEMORANDUM

File No. 12196

November 30, 1948.

RE: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

Mr. Kagetsu submitted a letter signed by the President, B. Hisaoka, and Treasurer, J. W. Kinoshita, of the Canadian Japanese Association, indicating that he had been appointed acting President of the Association. This letter evidently predated B. Hisaoka's return to Japan in 1946. Mr. Kagetsu presented this letter as his authority to open a safe belonging to the Canadian Japanese Association which is in Custodian storage and permission was given to him to go into the warehouse with Mr. Arikado and Mr. Johnston of this office to open the safe and list the contents. The understanding is that Mr. Kagetsu will take the contents with him unless an objection is raised by Mr. Johnston and that the safe will be sold for the credit of the Canadian Japanese Association.

Mr. Kagetsu has identified this Association as having owned office furniture only at its office at 329 Gore Avenue. He states that it has no interest in the property or Community Hall and small dwelling situated on it at Port Essington, B. C. even though this property is registered in the name of the Canadian Japanese Association. He will have Mr. Kinoshita, the Secretary-Treasurer, confirm this. I told him that if the Canadian Japanese Association does not own this property it will be necessary for it to convey the property to the Skeena Fishermen's Association or the No. 2 District Fishermen's Association or other body to whom this property belongs. Our records indicate that the Canadian Japanese Association was dissolved on March 28, 1940, but I did not have this information when speaking to Mr. Kagetsu. This will present a problem relative to signing documents of transfer unless it is decided not to disturb the escheat to the Crown. The small dwelling at the rear has been rented at \$5.00 per month from September 1948 to the present date through Helgersons Ltd., Prince Rupert. Taxes in the sum of approximately \$35.00 are now due.

If it appears that this property belongs to the Skeena River Japanese Association I would suggest that the last known officers be told how the property is registered and that the society was dissolved in 1940 and that it will be necessary to apply for reinstatement of the registered owner before a conveyance can be signed and it will then become a question whether a purchaser can be found. In the meantime, rentals should be held until the Crown's interest is ascertained.

AGM/AC



MEMORANDUM

File 12196

December 3, 1948.

TO: THE ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT

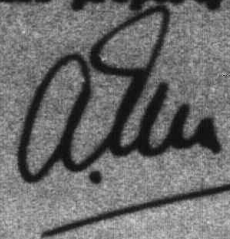
FROM: MRS. A. G. McARTHUR

Re: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

According to information given to us by Mr. Kagetsu, acting on behalf of the Canadian Japanese Association (headquarters 329 Gore Avenue Vancouver) this Association does not own the property at Port Hasting registered in the name of the Canadian Japanese Association.

Would you therefore please, until this matter is straightened out, hold all funds derived from rentals of this property.

AGM/AC



MEMORANDUM CONCERNING A PARCEL OF PAPERS
FOUND IN THE SAFE IN CUSTODIAN STORAGE
UNDER THE NAME OF THE CANADIAN JAPANESE
ASSOCIATION, WHICH PAPERS WERE STATED BY
MR. KIKICHI KAGETSU TO BELONG TO SENTARO
TAKAHASHI.

December 2, 1948.

Among articles removed from the safe belonging to the Canadian Japanese Association by Mr. Kagetsu and Mr. Arikado in the presence of Mr. Johnston of the Custodian office, there were some papers tied together which Kagetsu stated belonged to Sentaro Takahashi. Kagetsu, at that time, wrote Takahashi's name on the top paper and stated that he would "see that Mr. Takahashi gets" these papers, and took the parcel with him from the warehouse.

There was no record in the Custodian's office of Sentaro Takahashi other than a file for S. Takahashi, an Enemy. No record of Sentaro Takahashi could be found in the police file records. When Mr. Kagetsu came into the office the following day at noon he was asked by me for this package of papers and he and Mr. Arikado stated that this package of papers had not been taken from the warehouse by them. Mr. Johnston confirmed otherwise and went with Kagetsu and Arikado to the warehouse again but these papers could not be found there and Mr. Kagetsu finally signed a list of items, including this parcel, which stated he had removed it from the warehouse but he did not undertake to return it to the Custodian's Office.

Upon this being reported by Mr. Johnston, I telephoned the York Hotel where the Japanese were staying and Mr. Arikado, who answered, stated that Mr. Kagetsu was not in the room and that he was not in a position to get Takahashi's papers which were packed for shipment. Arikado wanted the matter postponed until the next day.

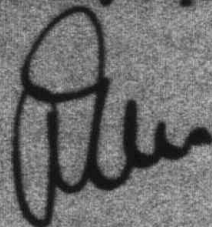
It was thought advisable to have Corporal Davidson accompany Mr. Johnston to the hotel to recover these papers and, with Mr. Shears' active consent, this was arranged and Corporal Davidson went with Mr. Johnston to the York Hotel at about 5:30 P.M. of that same day. Arikado was alone in the hotel room and again stated that the papers were packed for shipment and wanted the matter left over until the next day but finally stated that the papers were stored with a Mr. Byers. In a short time Kagetsu returned to the hotel and went with Arikado and Mr. Johnston, in Corporal Davidson's car, to the home of William Byers, 4050 Twelfth Avenue, Vancouver. Corporal Davidson remained in the automobile while Mr. Johnston went into the house with the two Japanese, where they were met by Mr. Byers who brought a large parcel of papers from the basement which was opened in Mr. Johnston's presence and Mr. Johnston recognized the bundle of papers bearing Takahashi's name and took possession of same. Mr. Johnston brought this parcel, together with a booklet of Japanese writing which Kagetsu stated contained minutes of the Canadian Japanese Association, to the Custodian's Office on the morning of December 1 and gave them to me.

The parcel of papers in the name of Takahashi contained Japanese passports and other papers written in Japanese. I telephoned Mr. MacDonald of the Immigration Department who came to our office to examine these papers to see if they were of any value to his department. He identified them as passports and family histories and stated that they would be useful for Japanese seeking illegal entry into Canada and that they would be valuable to his department in detecting such attempts. With reference to the activities of the Canadian Japanese Association, Mr. MacDonald stated that he had heard sworn testimony, given in Victoria just prior to the war, to the effect that the Canadian Japanese Association had been formed for the express purpose of assisting Japanese to enter Canada.

Corporal Davidson visited the Custodian's office immediately after Mr. MacDonald left and I told him that the papers which he had helped us to recover from Mr. Kagetsu had been examined by Mr. MacDonald who considered them valuable and that they would be made available to the Immigration Department.

Two lists of the contents of the Canadian Japanese Association safe were made by Mr. Johnston and signed by Kagetsu and Arikado as witness, one being of items taken by Kagetsu and the other of items stated by him to be of no value. In opening the parcel of books and papers brought from the basement of Mr. Byers house, Mr. Johnston recognised items taken from the safe but was unable to state whether all those listed were there.

In listing the books and papers which were practically all written in Japanese, Mr. Johnston accepted the interpretation of Mr. Kagetsu and Arikado as to what they represented.



AGM/AC

*Mr. Byers is co-supervisor of Log sealers
for the B.C. Government and gave
evidence for Kagetsu in the Deep Bay
Logging Co Ltd case.*

12196

December 7, 1948.

Mr. Junichi W. Kinoshita,
c/o Tregunno Farm,
R. R. #2,
St. Catherine, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

RE: CANADIAN JAPANESE ASSOCIATION

We are informed by Mr. Kagetsu that the Canadian Japanese Association did not own the Community Hall at Port Essington although title to this property was registered in its name.

In Mr. Kanematsu Nagami's declaration to the Custodian on March 23, 1942, he stated that the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association owned one lot upon which there stands one hall and one three-roomed shack at Port Essington and that the title deeds are in the possession of the Japanese Association, Gore Avenue, Vancouver. Mr. Kagetsu removed the contents of the Canadian Japanese Association safe but made no mention of the Certificate of Title.

Would you please explain the situation relative to this property.

Yours truly,

AGM/AC

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

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December 8, 1948.

The Registrar of Companies,
Legislative Buildings,
Victoria, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: SKEENA JAPANESE FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

An organization of the above name was operating in the vicinity of Prince Rupert, B. C., prior to the war. There was also a Japanese organization named No. 2 District Fisherman's Association which also operated in that area. We have advice from your Department that the No. 2 District Fisherman's Association was incorporated on January 22, 1940, and a Notice of Default was addressed to the Association's Hall, Port Essington, B. C. The Association Hall at Port Essington is registered in the name Canadian Japanese Association but the officers of the Canadian Japanese Association, which had its registered office at 129 Gore Avenue, Vancouver, state that the property in Port Essington does not belong to the Canadian Japanese Association. A Japanese, Kanematsu Nagai, now deceased, declared to the Custodian in 1942 that he was the Treasurer of the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association and that the Association owned one lot with Community Hall and dwelling in Port Essington. Would you please let us know whether you have any record of the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association or any similar name and if so, the particulars of incorporation. //

In some cases that we have investigated we have found that the Japanese have changed the name of their organization one or more times and have not taken the trouble to re-register their property.

According to a letter from your department dated January 13, 1948, the Canadian Japanese Association was dissolved on March 28, 1940 and it is possible that either the Skeena Japanese Fishermen's Association or the No. 2 District Fisherman's Association took over the Port Essington Property.

Any help you can give us in distinguishing these associations from one another would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

A. G. McArthur,
Office of the Custodian.

AGM/AC

Reply - file 117

Jan 25/49
730 Burchill Ave
Toronto Ont.

The Custodian's office

File #12196

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Referred	Mr. Barker

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of Dec 7/48
I wish to state that Canadian Japanese accounts
Kore and Tanihara Sr. did not own any real
property in B.C. and as I ^{as capacity} ~~in position~~ of Secretary
• Treasurer of the association I have no knowledge
of the title deed of mentioned property

Hoping this information answers your
question

Yours truly
J. W. G. Smith

See Treasurers of Can. Japanese
association 1942.

12196

25th May, 1950.

Mr. Eikichi KAGETSU,
Regn. No. 00014,
8 Mountview Ave.,
Toronto 9, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Canadian Japanese Association

We are holding a current account in the name of the above Association in the Japan & Canada Trust Savings Co., which account had been dormant for a number of years prior to evacuation. Have you any knowledge of this account and can you give us any information regarding it?

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to Mr. Ryukichi Miyake, who appears to have been Secretary of the Association at that time.

Yours truly,

Office of the Custodian.

HA
C.C. to Mr. Miyake.

CABLE ADDRESS
"USTEGAK"

E. KAGETSU
8 MOUNTVIEW AVENUE
TORONTO 9, CANADA

TELEPHONE
MURRAY 5023

June 5, 1950.

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

Dear Sirs:

Re: Canadian Japanese Association

This is to acknowledge your letter of May 25th. I regret very much that I have no information in this connection that I can offer you. Mr. Ryukichi Miyake, to whom you had the thoughtfulness to send a copy of the same letter, is the only person who is really familiar with the financial matters of this organization. Will you please, therefore, address future communications to him. No doubt he has already written you in reply to your initial letter.

Yours very truly,

E. Kagetsu

E. Kagetsu.