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Haney, B.C.

FILE NO. 12585

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having no property in any protected area.

NAME: FUJII Yoshio (Roy)

HOME ADDRESS: 154. 10th Avenue, Haney, B.C. REGISTRATION No. 15671.

SEX: Male. AGE: 16 MARRIED? No.

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER: Student, Maple Ridge High School, Haney, B.C.

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: None. ADDRESS: None.

NAMES OF LIVING CHILDREN: None. ADDRESS: None.

ADDRESS:

ADDRESS:

I certify that the above information is true and complete and state that I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia.

Dated this 27th day of August, 1942.

WITNESS:

D.M. Chope.

(Signature)

Yoshio Fujii.

INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

DATE Dec. 15/43

Our File No. 12585

Full Name FUJII, Yoshio Roy
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 15671

Male - Female
(Check)

Age Aug. 12, 1925

Former Address Haney, B. C.

Date Evacuated Sept. 10/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National
(Check)

526 MANNING AVE TORONTO ONT

Present Address Bay Farms, Simco, B. C.

9/1/48

Married - Single
(Check)

Name of Wife _____

Name of Husband _____

nee
Name of Mother SATO, Fusa #14092

Name of Father Fukumatsu # 14091

Names of Children under 16 _____

Requested by E.C.T.

Registered with Custodian
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Student

REAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

Catalogue No.: S.S.B.(J.L. No.153)

File No.12585

Name: Yoshio Roy FUJII

Reg.No. 15671

Address: Haney, B. C.

Legal Description: 154-10th Avenue, Haney, B. C.
Lots 51 and 52 of the West Half of Section 20,
Township 12, Map 1161, District of New Westmin-
ster, C.of E.50403. Municipality of Maple Ridge.

Classification: 8.94 acres farm property, 8 acres cleared, balance
bush, poor state of cultivation, 4 room frame house,
fair condition, open shed, barn, 4 small chicken
houses, brooder house, fair condition.

Registered in the name of: Yoshio Roy FUJII

Administration & Revenue: Leased by Custodian Sept.10/42 to
Sept.9/43 for \$84.00. Revenue after January 1, 1943
accrued to V.L.A.

State of Title: Clear

Sold to The Director, Veterans' Land Act for \$1,196.00 (cash)
as at January 1st, 1943.

Title delivered to new Registered Owner on: March 13, 1944.

Payment received May 4, 1944 and net amount of \$1,198.87 credited
to account on May 10/44 after receiving refund of
Fire Insurance \$5.87 and paying Reg.Fees \$3.00.

Chattels: Not involved in sale of property

Insurance: On Buildings - transferred to V.L.A.
On Household Effects - cancelled August 15, 1945.

Certified Correct

W. E. Anderson

FIRE INSURANCE SUMMARY

File No. 12585

3rd December, 1946.

Re: Yoshio FUJII - Reg. No. 15671

The above Japanese was a minor and did not register with the Custodian. His father however, File No. 8656, declared the property and also \$300.00 of fire insurance. It was found that the policy declared covered \$300.00 on the house and \$200.00 on personal effects and expired on the 24th August, 1943.

This policy had expired before it was brought to the attention of the Custodian but was renewed until the 8th December, 1943 and the premium of \$10.00 was charged to the above account here.

The property was sold to the Veterans' Land Act as of the 1st January, 1943, and upon receiving an assignment of the policy they refunded \$5.57 to cover the unexpired portion of the premium. The coverage on the personal effects was allowed to expire.

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

W E Lannon

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CLAIMS SUMMARY

File: 12585

August 13, 1945.

Re: Yoshio Roy FUJII, Reg. No. 15671

This file reveals no claims in favour of or against
this Japanese person.

DATED:

Certified Correct:

W. E. L. L. L.

FM

PERSONAL PROPERTY SUMMARY

FILE: 12585

August 13, 1945.

Re: Yoshio Roy FUJII, Reg. No. 15671

The Japanese person declared no personal property, and this file shows no personal property belonging to this man.

Chattels stored in buildings on property of this man were the property of Fukumatsu FUJII, File 8656, father of Yoshio.

DATED:

Certified Correct:

W E Lauer

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February 14, 1948.

Mr. Yoshio FUJII,
Reg. No. 15671,
526 Manning Avenue,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 8th instant, we are enclosing a complete statement showing all entries in your account from November, 1947, to date. There is no balance in your account at the present time, a cheque for the final amount having been sent to you on December 6, 1946, as shown on the statement.

We have forwarded the valuation report made by the Veterans' Land Act on your property to Messrs. Cameron, Gordon & Brown, the Solicitors appointed by you to represent you at the hearing of your claim.

Yours truly,

B. Good,
Office of the Custodian.

BJ/fs
enc. (1)

Table VIII

Reg. No. 15672
File No. 12585

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Particulars</u> | <u>Debit</u> | <u>Credit</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-------------|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1942 | November 12 Rents collected September 10 to December 10 | | \$ 21.00 | |
| | December 23 Fire Insurance Premiums | \$ 10.00 | | |
| 1943 | January 1 Credit re Sale of Property | | 1196.87 | |
| | Land Registry Office, C. of E. | 1.00 | | |
| | January 8 Rent, December, 1942. | | 7.00 | |
| 1944 | September 10 Cheque to you | 70.00 | | |
| | December 13 Cheque to you, October to December, 3 @ \$20.00 each | 60.00 | | |
| 1945 | February 20 Cheque to you | 90.00 | | |
| | April 23 Legal Fees re Sale of Property | 15.00 | | |
| | October 29 Cheque to you | 40.00 | | |
| | December 20 Cheques to you, January to December, 10 @ \$20.00 each | 200.00 | | |
| 1946 | July 19 Cheques to you, January to July, 7 @ \$20.00 each, | 140.00 | | |
| | 30 Cheque to you | 500.00 | | |
| | December 6 Cheque to you | 140.87 | | |
| | | <u>2126.87</u> | <u>\$1720.87</u> | <u>Nil</u> |

Accounting Department,
February 14, 1946.

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February 14, 1948.

Messrs. Cameron, Reidon & Brewin,
Sterling Tower,
Toronto, Ontario.

Re: Yoshio FUJII, Reg. No. 15671

Dear Sirs:

We enclose herewith valuation report made by the
Veterans' Land Act on the property formerly owned by the above.

He has written to us from Toronto asking for this
report and we have informed him that we are sending it to you.

Yours truly,

BG/fm
enc. (1)

B. Good,
Office of the Custodian.

12585

3rd December, 1946.

REGISTERED

Mr. Yoshio FUJII,
Registration No. 13269,
Clarkson, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 25th November, we enclose herewith Custodian Cheque in the amount of \$140.67, which sum represents your full remaining balance at this office. We are also enclosing a statement of your account showing entries made since the last one sent to you.

We note that the Title document of your property is still in your father's possession; we would request that you send it to this office without delay as it has been cancelled at the Land Registry Office.

It would appear that we have accounted for all the property of every kind left by you in the Protected Area which vested in the Custodian, and in order that you may confirm this and acknowledge the cheque, we are enclosing a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience in replying.

Yours truly,

W.E. Anderson,
Office of the Custodian.

WEA:HA
Encls. 3 (cheque)

To Dr. W. A. Lurie, Haystack Rd.,
Clarkson, Ont.

July 15, 1946.

Department of the Secretary of State,
Office of the Custodian,
Valmour, Ont.

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| EVACUATION SECTION | |
| Rec'd | JUL 20 1946 |
| File No. | 17585 |
| Ans. | |
| Referred | Quelven |

Dear Sir:

I have received your cheque for necessities for the month of June. Checking my books, I find that my credit balance is six hundred sixty dollars and eighty seven cents (\$660.87). Please send me the total balance at your earliest convenience, for I am in great need of the money.

Yours truly,
Spasio Fujii

Remun 500⁵⁰

NAME FUJII, Fukumatsu

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REGISTRATION NO. 14091

FILE NO. 8656

The following chattels were sold by public

auktion at Haney, B. C. on 17/3 - 24/3 - 5/4/43.

| | |
|--------------------|-----------|
| X Roll top desk | \$ 0.50 ✓ |
| Ornament | 0.50 ✓ |
| 8 Chairs | 1.60 ✓ |
| Dining table | 2.50 ✓ |
| Dresser | 4.00 ✓ |
| 2 Boxes glass | 2.75 ✓ |
| Plough | 1.00 ✓ |
| Cultivator | 4.00 ✓ |
| Dresser | 4.50 ✓ |
| Cot | 0.50 ✓ |
| Hovers | 4.00 ✓ |
| 2 Wheelbarrows | 3.00 ✓ |
| Tools | 8.00 ✓ |
| Cabinet | 1.00 ✓ |
| 2 Crocks | 3.50 ✓ |
| 7 Egg crates | 0.75 ✓ |
| Sundries | 3.25 ✓ |
| Platters | 2.00 ✓ |
| Box of crockery | 0.60 ✓ |
| Pig etc. | 0.55 ✓ |
| Trays and pictures | 0.25 ✓ |
| Oil stove oven | 0.25 ✓ |
| Incubator | 1.00 ✓ |
| Incubator | 1.00 ✓ |
| Sundries | 1.15 ✓ |

Total

(Auctioneer's Fee: \$ 5.22
Less Expenses: (Advertising: 0.92
(Moving: 20.47

Net Proceeds Credited:

| | |
|----|--------------|
| \$ | 52.15 |
| \$ | 26.61 |
| \$ | <u>25.54</u> |

Members of Custodian Staff Present. Mr. Moryson

Extracted from Auctioneering List No. Haney 14.

Remarks.

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J.L. No. 253

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

File No. 12585

Reg. No. 15671

506 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver, B. C.

MAY 27 1944

Mr. Yoshio FUJII,
Bay Farm,
Sloven, B. C.

a minor

Dear Sir:

Re: 154 - 10th Avenue, Hancy, B. C.
Lots 51 and 52 of the West half of Section 20,
Township 12, Map 1161, District of New Westminster,
C. of B. 50403.

You have previously been advised that a sale of lands in rural districts was entered into between this Department and The Director, The Veterans' Land Act.

Due to the size of this transaction, the arrangements for same and the completion of the transfer have taken a considerable time. Negotiations were started in the early part of 1943 and were based upon valuations made by qualified appraisers and on the basis of a sale effective as at January 1st of that year. This means that the 1943 revenues from the property were for the benefit of the purchasers, but that taxes, fire insurance and other operating charges were assumed by them.

The following is a statement showing the sale price and adjustments:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Sale price of above described property | \$ 1196.00 |
| Add: | |
| Unexpired insurance premium as at January 1st, 1943 | \$ 5.87 |
| | \$ 1201.87 |
| Less: | |
| Tax arrears to December 31st, 1942 | \$ |
| Registration fee | 3.00 |
| Encumbrance—Principal | |
| —Interest | \$ 3.00 |
| Net proceeds of sale | \$ 1198.87 |

This amount has been placed to your credit and a statement of your account is endorsed hereon showing the present balance on our books. A small amount for legal fees in connection with the conveyance to the Veterans' land will be charged later.

Yours truly,
F. G. SHEARS,
Director.

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S.S. Form
(Sheet 1)

Farm Appraisal Report

File No. J.L.153

Land Description Lots 51 and 52 of W₁ of Sec.20 Map 1161.Containing 4.46 & 4.48 - 8.94 AcresOwner's Name FUJI, YOSHIO Post Office Address Haney, B.C.Nearest Rail Point Haney, B.C. Distance 1 mile.Market Town New Westminster, B.C. Distance 24 "Church (give denomination) Haney, B.C. All denominations Distance 1 "Nearest School Haney, B.C. Distance 1 "State how property was identified: Map location and corner posts.

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

Direct access to 10th Avenue. Gravel road, good condition.Is this district a good one? Yes.EXHIBIT No. 1001-2DATE 3 May 1948Employment opportunity Two sawmills and brickyard - peat plant.Predominating Nationality and religion: Mixed; Japanese predominating.Describe Fencing and its condition: No fence. Value \$Water supply: Domestic water supply from shallow well. Electricity - power line available, light installed. Value \$

BUILDINGS ON FARM

| BUILDINGS | DIMENSIONS | MATERIAL | HEIGHT | ROOF | AGE | Foundation | REPAIR | VALUATION |
|--------------|------------|----------|--------|-------|--------|------------|--------|-----------|
| HOUSE | 15 x 30 | Frame | 1 st. | Shke | 20 yrs | Wood | Poor | \$200.00 |
| Addn. | 9 x 12 | " | | | | | | |
| Shed | 30 x 45 | Poles | 1 st. | " | 20 " | " | " | - |
| BARN Poultry | 14 x 16 | Frame | 1 " | Shgl. | 10 " | " | Fair | 25.00 |
| " | 14 x 16 | " | 1 " | " | 10 " | " | " | 25.00 |
| GRANARY | | | | | | | | |
| Poultry Hse | 16 x 40 | " | 1 " | " | 10 " | " | " | |
| " | 16 x 42 | " & shke | 2 " | Shke | 20 " | " | Poor | 150.00 |
| " | 18 x 60 | " | 1 st. | Shgl. | 10 " | " | Fair | 300.00 |
| Shed | 14 x 18 | " | 1 " | " | 20 " | " | " | 30.00 |

Total present day value \$ 730.00Total Value Buildings add to farm \$ 500.00Is dwelling habitable without repairs? Yes. If not what is your approximate estimate of cost to make it habitable?Describe the basement and chimneys: No basement. Brick chimney on bracket.No. rooms downstairs? 4 Upstairs? nil How finished Wood finish.Are buildings painted? No Condition of paint -Distance from nearest bush 250 feet.

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

| ACRES | LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY | SOIL (State Depth) | SUB- SOIL | KIND AND QUALITY OF CROP | VALUE PER ACRE | TOTAL |
|--|--|---------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 6.99 | <i>6.99 acres</i> Undulating | Clay loam 14 to 20" | Clay | Strawberries - 0.28 Hay and Grass. | \$100. | \$699.00 |
| Area which can be cultivated without cost other than for breaking. | | | | | | |
| | LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY | SOIL (State Depth) | SUB- SOIL | | VALUE PER ACRE | |
| | | | | | | |
| Area which can be cultivated after a reasonable amount of clearing timber, stones, drainage, etc. | | | | | | |
| | LEVEL, UNDULATING, ROLLING OR HILLY | SOIL (State Depth) | SUB- SOIL | NATURE OF RECLAMATION NECESSARY | RECLAMATION COST PER ACRE | VALUE PER ACRE |
| 1.95 | <i>1.95 acres</i> Undulating | Clay loam 14 to 20" | Clay | Clearing bush, stumping and levelling. | \$150. to \$175.00 | \$10. 19.50 |
| Area Unsuitable for Cultivation. | | | | | | |
| CHARACTER OF LAND E. G. HILLY, SWAMPY, ROCKY. | | | NATURE OF TIMBER IF ANY AND WHETHER MARKETABLE | | VALUE OF LAND PER ACRE | |
| | | | | | | |

8.94 acres Total value of Land \$ 718.50

Total added by buildings to value of farm \$ 500.00

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

Total value of farm \$1218.50

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

The farm is occupied by Japanese owner, but no evidence that property has been operated this year. Judging by growth the land appears to be in good state of fertility. Small patch of strawberries only portion being cultivated.

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

Small fruits and poultry.

Noxious weeds:

Canada thistle making severe inroads on portion of uncultivated land.

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

1942 tax Lot 51 - \$17.18

" 52 - \$24.03

District of Maple Ridge.

Date: 28th May, 1942.

Place: New Westminster, B.C.

I certify that the above report is based on a personal examination
of the whole farm made on the 26 day of May 1942

Inspector's Signature

"H. L. SINCLAIR"

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

Remarks: This property is nicely situated with good soil condition and natural drainage. The holding, at present occupied by Japanese owner, is not being operated to best advantage as only about $\frac{1}{2}$ acre is at present in crop. Balance of land, other than bush, is in hay and grass crop.

The dwelling is old, shack-like and not in good condition. Poultry houses are in fair condition; other out-buildings of little value.

The property is in danger of developing a weed condition if not operated this year. Canada thistle is making inroads on grass area to east of holding.

Electric light installed in house.

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

NIL.

NIL.

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

Strawberries - .28 Fair condition.

Grass and Hay - 6.71 Portion weedy - poor.

Balance - 1.95 Bush

About 12 mixed fruit trees for home use.

Total \$

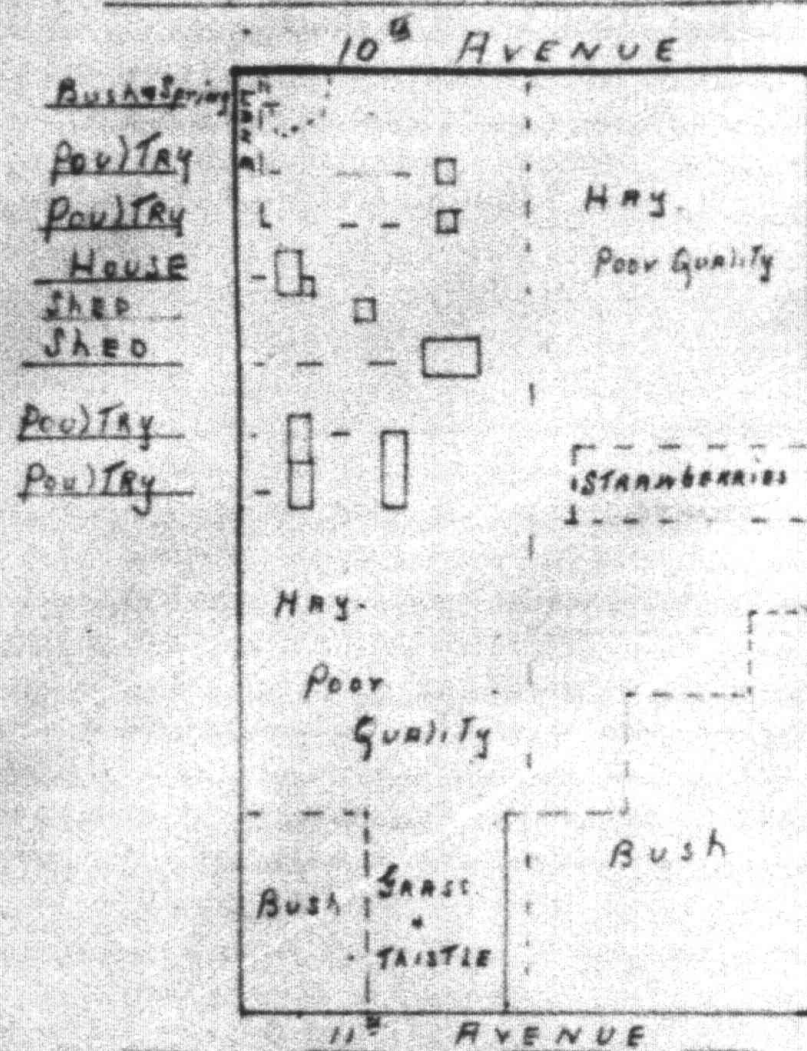
Amount fruit trees add to value of farm \$

Diagram of Property

LOTS 51 & 52 of NW 1/4 of Sect 20 MAP 1161.

446 & 448 AC

Yoshio Fuji.



Scale 200ft = 1 inch

Following careful review of this appraisal report, it is my opinion that the present

value is \$ 1200.00

Date 30th May 1942

"I. T. BARNET"

District Superintendent.

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| EVACUATION SECTION | |
| Rec'd. | SEP 2 1944 |
| File No. | 17585 |
| Ans. | |
| Referred | Anderson |

Slocan City, B. C.,
August 25th, 1944.

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

Dear Sir:

Re: File No. ~~8656~~ 17585

You have informed me that my property has been sold. As you are aware, I have never consented to the sale nor ratified it but have at all times, and do now, object to the sale of my said property. Because, however, I am in destitute circumstances, I have to request from you, the proceeds of the sale of the property in order to maintain myself, clothing and dental work, etc., but in doing so I wish it made clear that it is only being accepted under protest and without prejudice to any rights which I have or may have arising out of what I consider the wrongful sale and disposition of my property.

Please send \$70.00 as soon as possible and \$20.00 ← each month following to maintain myself. I require the additional \$50.00 for dental work and clothing.

Yours truly,

Yoshio Fujii

Yoshio FUJII,
Registration Number 15671.

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MEMORANDUM

File # 12585
8636

May 22, 1944.

To: Mr. Anderson

From: Mr. Gibson

Re: FUJII, Yoshio Roy
FUJII, Fukumatsu

Will you please advise if there are any chattels belonging to the above named on property situate on the East side of 10th Avenue, Municipality of Maple Ridge, B. C. Sub-division 52 of W₂ of Section 20, Twp. 12, N.W.D.

There is \$200.00 insurance coverage on household effects at this location and if the goods have been moved, the insurance can be cancelled.

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SMG:JS

Hand covered 7/15/44
(C)

CANADA
DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

PHONE PACIFIC 8181

PLEASE REFER TO

FILE NO. 12585,8656

SOS ROYAL BANK BLDG.,
HASTINGS AND GRANVILLE
VANCOUVER, B.C.

| | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| EVACUATION SECTION | |
| Rec'd | MAY 31 1943 |
| File No. | |
| Ans. | |
| Referred | |

May 26th, 1943.

Mrs. Minnie Hannah,
R. R. # 1,
Haney, B. C.

Dear Madam:

Re: Y. FUJI

A payment on your lease on subject Japanese property fell due on March 10th. We shall be glad to receive your cheque in the amount of \$21.00 for same.

Yours truly,

R. D. Richardson

R. D. Richardson,
Farm Department

WJI/EM

*Sorry to be late with this payment.
Have been ill & neglected to send it.*

Minnie E. Hannah.

File 12585 Ry 15671

FUJI, Y.

Rent Mar. 10 To June 10/43

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| EVACUATION SECTION | |
| Rec'd | OCT 25 1943 |
| File No. | 1270 |
| Ass. | |
| Referred | |

Shun B.C.
Oct. 1943

Dear Sir:

I would like to have the
1943 taxes of my property (address
5152 W. 20th Ave. (12)) paid with
the money from the lease of my
property. I send at \$84 per year.

Yours truly,
Spalding Fajon

Sent + VLA

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October 28, 1943.

Mr. Yoshio Roy FUJII,
Registration #13671,
Slocan, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Sale of Rural Property.

The Custodian has recently accepted an offer received from The Director, The Veterans' Land Act, to purchase a large number of Japanese-owned rural properties.

We are writing to advise you that a property which you own, or have an interest in, is included in this deal.

The sale was made effective as at January 1st last and adjustments will be made as at that date and rentals received in the current year will accrue to the Director of the Veterans' Land Act.

As this is a transaction of considerable size it will take some time to make all the necessary adjustments and receive payment. In due course, however, we will supply you with full details as it concerns your own particular property, showing the adjustments which have been made and the amount which will be placed to your credit.

We would suggest that further correspondence from you in regard to this matter should be delayed until we are in a position to supply complete information and make the proceeds of sale available to you, subject to the adjustments mentioned above, and to any legitimate claims filed with the Custodian.

In due course, therefore, you may expect to hear from us further in regard to this matter.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears

F. G. Shears,
Director.

FGS/PMH.

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8656, 12585

December 15th, 1942.

Mr. Walter Hartley,
Supervisor,
B. C. Security Commission,
Slocan City, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Yoshio Roy FUJII. #15671

Thank you very much indeed for your letter dated December 7th from which we are pleased to learn that Mr. Fujii is actually desirous of having his farm rented and now voices no objection to said farm being rented.

Will you please be good enough to inform Mr. Fujii that by virtue of Order in Council PC 5523 the Soldier Settlement of Canada selects tenants and sets terms covering all farms vested in the Custodian. An application having been placed with the Soldier Settlement of Canada by a Mrs. Hannah and her application having been approved by the Director of the Soldier Settlement, the Custodian's office has accepted the recommendation of the Director and has permitted Mrs. Hannah to rent the farm registered in the name of the Japanese individual mentioned above.

Yours truly,

R. P. Alexander,
Manager.

RPA/EM

12585
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8th December, 1942.

McGregor, Johnston & Thomas, Ltd.,
414 West Pender Street,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Policy No. 199844, North West
Fire Insurance Company

Kindly renew the above numbered policy as from today's date for the same amounts as previously carried. In doing so, please adhere to instructions contained in our Form Letter No. 68 and for identification purposes kindly make note on the back of the policy of the Japanese name:- Yoshio Roy FUJII (File 12585) who is the son and registered owner of this property, and also Fukumatsu FUJII (File 8636), the father, owner of the chattels stored on the property.

Yours very truly,

S.M. Gibson,
Insurance Department

SMG:FM

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION
MARINE BUILDING
VANCOUVER, B.C.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN
JAPANESE SECTION
RECEIVED
DEC 12 1942

Mr. R. P. Alexander,
Office of Custodian,
506 Royal Bank Bldg.,
Vancouver, B. C.

Richardson
Slocan City, B. C.,
December 7, 1942.

Your file No. 8656, 12585

Re: YOSHIO FUJII

We have had this man in to see us regarding correspondence he has had with you in the matter of leasing his farm and equipment at Maple Ridge, B.C. Your letter to him of November 19th seems to imply that he does not wish to rent this farm, as we understand it, this is far from being the case. Mr. Fujii is actually desirous of renting it, but does not wish to rent to Mrs. Hannah, who, according to him, has a poor reputation in that neighbourhood. He wishes to secure a better tenant for his property than he thinks she would be. Trusting this will clear up the matter in your mind of the fact that he does not wish to rent to Mrs. Hannah, but is willing to rent to a suitable tenant.

BRITISH COLUMBIA SECURITY COMMISSION

Supervisor

Walter Hartley
(Walter Hartley)

Subs to Hannah
ERA:HS

8656
12585

19th November, 1942.

Mr. Fukumatsu Fujii, #14091,
Slocan Extension, B.C.

Dear Sir:

re: Leasing the Farm Property of
your son, Yoshio FUJII.

Your letter to this office dated November 15th, indicating your disinclination to have the farm belonging to your son leased, has been noted.

You will of course appreciate the fact that the Custodian desires to the extent of his ability to protect and administer property vested in the Custodian in the most efficient manner possible. The Custodian's Office, as you may perhaps also be aware, has in addition a responsibility to Canada and also is desirous at all times to do everything within the power of the Custodian to supplement the war efforts of Canada. Reports we have received in connection with your son's farm indicate that it is in a very badly overgrown condition, but if leased to an experienced tenant the farm can be put in good condition and thus aid generally in the production of foodstuffs essential to Canada, and particularly so in time of war.

We ask that you fully appreciate the fact that the Custodian, regardless of the stand you have taken, is not obliged in any way to comply with your wishes and is entirely free to administer your son's property in any manner deemed advisable by the Custodian. Nevertheless, we are writing to you and explaining our views and so that our files may be complete, we would appreciate receiving a letter from you advising us that, having reconsidered the matter, you now have no objection to the Custodian leasing your son's farm. We ask that you write to us in this connection immediately.

You will appreciate the fact that in order to properly administer your son's farm, it will be necessary for the tenant to make use of 1 Walking Plow, 1 single Horse

8656
12585

October 31, 1942

Mr. Fujumatsu FUJII,
Registration No. 14091,
Slocan Extension, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Mrs. M.E. Hannah has applied to lease the property registered in the name of your son Yoshio Fujii, situated on 10th Avenue, Maple Ridge, B.C., and has asked for the use of certain chattels left on the property for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Enclosed you will find a list in duplicate representing the chattels to be included in the lease. If you are agreeable that these be included in the lease, kindly sign and return one copy to this office as soon as possible.

Yours truly,

R.D. Richardson,
Farm Department.

OLA:FC
Enclosure. 

Extract from Lease.

Lease No. 17.

File No. 12585.

Lessor: The Secretary of State. (Yoshio Roy FWII)

Lessee: Minnie Evelyn HANNAH.

Date: 10th September, 1942.

Term: 1 year from 10th September, 1942 to 9th September, 1943.

Consideration: \$84.00 - payable \$21.00 every 3 months commencing on 10th September, 1942, and on 10th December, 1942 10th March and 10th June, 1943. No Taxes.

Property:

Land: Lots 51 & 52 of W. $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 20, Tp. 12, Map 1161
(154-10th Avenue) Municipality of Maple Ridge.

Buildings: Included, except Incubator House on north side of driveway near dwelling house for storing chattels.

Chattels: Not included.

Lease handed S.S.B. 5/8/43.

Sept. 21, 1942.

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY

OF

FUJII, Fukumatsu #14091.
154-10th. Ave., Haney, B.C.

In the house.

| | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| Roller top desk. (locked) | 2 Frying pans. |
| Hat box. (cont. 2 hats) | Kitchen range. <i>Burnt out</i> |
| Dominion Tire Repair Kit. | " table. (HM) |
| 1 Btle. of Nicotine Sulphate. | 9 " chairs & sml. cushions. |
| 1 Btle. of Jap. medicine. | Alarm clock. |
| 1 Metal holder. (for pen & pencils?) | 1 Sm.l. round glass. |
| 1 Brass bell with handle. | 1 Alum. tea pot. |
| Kitchen cabinet cont: | 1 Ladies purse. |
| 1 Flask (leather bound) | Sml. ctn. (cont. misc. articles) |
| 1 Tobacco pouch. | Sml. Bible. |
| Few misc. dishes. | 1 Volume "Enemies" |
| 1 Flashlite (incomplete) <i>^</i> | 1 Jap. ruler. (wood) |
| 1 Brownie Safelite lamp. | 1 Sml. wooden box. (for drugs) |
| Sml. oil can. | 1 Dresser containing: |
| Sml. tin of lub. oil with spout. | 2 prints of toy aeroplanes, |
| 1 Wall mirror. | Quantity of misc. books, |
| Lge. empty wooden box. | Round leather jewelry case, |
| Lge. biscuit tin. (cont. 5# dried peas) | 2 Sml. Jap. dolls, sml. quant. |
| 20gal. Stone crock. | of Xmas decorations, 1 volume |
| 1 Cooky baking tin. | of Canadian Geography (for Jr.) |
| 1 Baking tin. | Sml. quantity of misc. clothes |
| 1 Enameled dish pan. | Sml. lantern. |
| 1 Auger. | 1 Broom. |
| Paper bag. (cont. 3 1/2# beans) | 1 Dust pan. |
| " " (cont. seeds, type unknown) | 2 Men's caps. |
| gal. oil tin. | 1 Toy saxophone. |
| 1 Crockery dish lid. | Lge. chest. (cont. misc. clothes) |
| Tooth brush in glass. | 7 Framed pictures. |
| Alum tea pot. | Heater & poker. |
| Quantity of kitchen knives & forks. | Sml. floor mat. |
| 1 Soup ladle. | Linoleum rug. (on floor) |
| 1 Wooden vegetable grater. | " " (tied up) |
| 1 Tin tray. | Wooden bill holder, with drawer |
| 1 Tin pie plate tin. | cont. bicycle parts. |
| 1 Drinking glass. | Sml. table. (HM) |
| 2 Plates. | 1 Jap. record. |
| 1 Saucer. | Glass flower vase. |
| Glass lemon squeezer. | Flower vase, glass holder inside |
| 2 Pot lids. | Hall hat rack. (on wall) |
| Glass butter dish lid. | 1 Ladies hat. |
| Few misc. Kitch utensils. | Wooden shelf. |
| 2 Glass vinegar jugs. <i>M</i> | 2 Beds, springs. (double) |
| Box. (cont. 2-lqt. sealers, 3-lpt. sealers | 1 Bed, spring. (single) |
| & misc. bottles) | Lge. wooden shelf. (in bed room) |
| 5 Cups. | 2 Window blinds. (poor) |
| Mixing bowl. | Dresser, containing: 1 Jap. |
| 1 Alum pot. | musical instrument, 5 men's |
| 1 Soap holder. | stiff collars, 1 bible, jewelry |
| 1 Can opener. | box cont. bone chips, 2 sml. |
| 1 Handle for meat grinder. | flags, sml. wooden box (no lid) |
| 11 Wooden coat hangers. | sml. hardwood block, sml. glass |
| 8 Light bulbs. (in use) | case cont. 2 Buddas. sml. quant |
| 3 Curtains. | of clothing. |

Signed

W. H. Stinson

Sept. 21, 1942.

INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY
OFFUJII, Fukumatsu #14091.
154-10th. Ave., Haney, B.C.

In large open shed. (at rear of house)

- ✓ 1 Peavey hook.
- No value* ✓ 2 doz. Sake bottles.
- No value* ✓ Lge. Kettle. (poor)
- No value* ✓ Sml. sleigh. (HM)
- ✓ Sml. galv. pressure tank.
- No value* ✓ Cook stove. (very poor)
- No value* ✓ 6 Jap. tubs.
- No value* ✓ 2 Iron pots. (poor)
- No value* ✓ Lge. Frying pan. (poor)
- No value* ✓ Meat grinder. (no handle)
- No value* ✓ Canvas hunting vest.
- No value* ✓ Sml. saw horse. (HM)
- No value* ✓ 1 Scooter frame.
- No value* ✓ Lge. Wooden chopping block.

Pulley. (at well)

In the barn.

- No value* ✓ Sml. quantity of loose hay.
- No value* ✓ 10 sml. pcs. burlap sacking.
- No value* ✓ En. Tea kettle.
- No value* ✓ Sml. mattress. (poor)
- No value* ✓ 47 Berry trays.
- No value* ✓ 11 Berry crates.
- No value* ✓ 100# Berry wire. (used)
- No value* ✓ Bed spring. (old)
- No value* ✓ 1 Box. (used as hens nest)
- No value* ✓ 1-3' x 4' screen. (poor)
- No value* ✓ 1 Dish pan. (poor)
- No value* ✓ Cross cut saw. (poor, rusty)
- No value* ✓ 9 Jap. tubs.
- No value* ✓ 1 Stone drinking fountain.
- No value* ✓ Sml. feed box. (metal lined)
- No value* ✓ Crow bar.

In the yard.

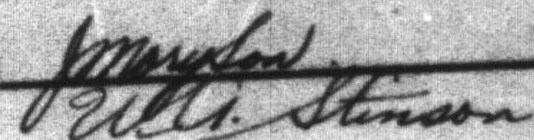
- Missing* ✓ Stone boat.
- No value* ✓ Sml. quantity of lumber. *used on fence*
- No value* ✓ Lge. milk can.

In brooder house. (downstairs)

- ✓ 2 Incubators. (Charters)
- No value* ✓ 1 Rice mallet. (HM)
- Missing* ✓ Platform scale.
- ✓ 2-4gal. tins. (empty)
- Missing* ✓ Lantern.
- ✓ Lamp. (no chimney)
- Missing* ✓ Pr. Grass clippers.
- No value* ✓ Bicycle tool kit. (empty)
- ✓ Pr. hand pruners.
- ✓ 4 Sml. scythes.
- ✓ 4 Garden trowels.

- ✓ Box. (cont. nails, screws, 2 files, & misc. articles)
- ✓ Box. (cont. 3# shingle nails, scissors, thermometer, sml. hammer, & misc. articles)
- Missing* ✓ Sml. wooden block. (double)
- Missing* ✓ Hand scale.
- ✓ Watering can.
- ✓ Sml. frame, used for wrapping twine on.
- ✓ 2 Screen doors. (poor)
- ✓ 2 Wheelbarrows. (1 has rubber tire)
- ✓ 11 Water pails.
- ✓ 12gal. Stone crock. (cont wood. tub)
- ✓ 1 Cultivator. (horse drawn.)
- ✓ 1 Plow.
- ✓ 1 Scooter frame. (no wheels)
- ✓ Galv. wash tub.
- ✓ Box. (cont 7 trays, & misc. pictures & 5 lge. platters.)
- ✓ Box. (cont. dishes.)
- No value* ✓ Box. (cont. assorted bottles)
- ✓ 4 Cardboard chick shipping crates.
- ✓ Wooden rice block.
- No value* ✓ Fly Tox Sprayer.
- No value* ✓ 2 Bedsteads.
- No value* ✓ Baby's crib & spring.
- ✓ 2 Boxes. (cont. window glass)
- No value* ✓ 2 Sml. wooden glass frames & photographers water dish.
- ✓ 14' 1" Galv. pipe.
- ✓ 6' 1" " " "
- ✓ 5' 1" " " "
- ✓ 2-5' 1" " " "
- ✓ 3' 1" " " "
- ✓ Sledge hammer head only.
- ✓ 2 " " & wedges combined.
- ✓ 14 Peaveys. (2 no hooks)
- ✓ 5 Cultivator attachments.
- ✓ Lge. steel block & hook. (dumb)
- ✓ 1-6' Cross cut saw.
- ✓ 1-5' " " "
- ✓ 1 Buck saw. (HM)
- ✓ 6 Lengths of stove pipe & 1 elbow
- ✓ 2 Brooder covers & 1 stove. (used)
- ✓ 50' 1/2" Cable. (approx)
- ✓ 50' 1/2" " " "
- ✓ 1 Lge. steel valve. (painted red)
- ✓ 3 Potato diggers.
- ✓ 1 Hay fork.
- ✓ 1 Manure fork.
- ✓ 5 Hoes.

Signed



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cont.

- In brooder house. (downstairs)
- ✓ 14 Berry crates.
 - ✓ 1 Bdle. old clothes.
 - ✓ 1 Straw suitcase top. (old clothes)
 - ✓ 9 Boxes. (knocked-down)
 - ✓ 1 Section of record cabinet.
 - ✓ 1 Box. (cont. shoes & rubber boot)
 - ✓ 1 Lamp chimney. (screw top)
 - ✓ 4 Blackout blinds. (HM)
 - ✓ In 2 Sml. chicken houses
 - ✓ 1 Kitchen chair. (H.V.)
 - ✓ 1 Screen 3' x 3'. (H.V.)
 - ✓ 1 of Chain.
 - ✓ 1 Shovel. (no handle)
 - ✓ 2 Shovels. (long handles)
 - ✓ 1 Bicycle carrier.
 - ✓ 1 Metal rod with handle.
 - ✓ 2 Whipple trees.
 - ✓ Sml. quantity of 1" wide leather- horse straps.
 - ✓ 1 Tether chain.
 - ✓ 6' Red rubber tubing.
 - ✓ 1 Cord of split wood.
 - ✓ 2 Lge. milk cans.
 - ✓ 1 Metal funnel.
 - ✓ 1 Table. (HM)
 - ✓ 1 Box. (cont. old clothes)
 - ✓ 2 Jap. tubs.
 - ✓ 1 Carpet. (old)
 - ✓ 1 Kiddies sleigh.
 - ✓ 1 " baseball bat.
 - ✓ 2 Bamboo fish poles.
 - ✓ 1 Metal " "
 - ✓ 1 gal. Coal oil can.
 - ✓ 1 Broom.
 - ✓ 1 Box. (cont. old clothes & misc.)
 - ✓ 2 Bicycle stands.
 - ✓ 2 Straw hats.
 - ✓ Paper bag. (cont. 4# Sulphur)
 - ✓ 1 Berry tray.
 - ✓ 1 Wet stone.
 - ✓ 4 Blackout blinds. (HM)
 - ✓ br.
 - ✓ In house. (upstairs.)
 - ✓ 3 Kitchen chairs.
 - ✓ 6 Dining chairs.
 - ✓ 1 " arm chair. (poor)
 - ✓ 1 lge. box. (cont. 7 lge. Jap. sacred dolls)
 - ✓ 2 Child's dolls, & sml. shrine, equipment.
 - ✓ 1 lge. box. (cont. Cheque Protector, water sprinkler & misc. articles.)
 - ✓ 1 Framed picture.
 - ✓ 1 Picture frame.
 - ✓ 1 Box. (cont. old clothes)
 - ✓ 1 Jap. 3 section box.
 - ✓ 1 Lamp. (no chimney)
 - ✓ 1 Hand air pump. (lge)
 - ✓ 1 Bowl. (cont. bone chips)
 - ✓ 5 Btles. cont. brown substance, type unknown.
 - ✓ Vinegar crock.
 - ✓ 1 Detachable coal oil oven.
 - ✓ 1 Box. (cont. sml. quantity of bark)
 - ✓ 1 Pr. Bicycle handle bars.
 - ✓ 7 Wooden egg crates.
 - ✓ 2 Rugs. (poor)
 - ✓ 10 Metal chicken troughs.

Signed

W. H. Stinson

R E P O R T
ON EVACUATED JAPANESE PROPERTY

File No. _____

MUNICIPALITY: MAPLE RIDGE.

Date: Sept. 21, 1942

NAME: FUJII, Fukumatsu

REGISTRATION NO. 14091.

ADDRESS: 154-10th. Ave., Haney, B.C.

PROPERTY: Is transferred to son's name, FUJII, Roy

ACREAGE: 8.94 8 acres cleared, rest bush.

KIND OF CROPS: Very badly overgrown.

Fruit Trees.

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF EACH:

23 mixed, & 3 lge. cherry trees.

HOUSE: 1 Storey. VACANT: Yes.

OCCUPIED

DESCRIPTION Frame, shakes.

ROOF: Shingle.

SIZE: 16 x 32.

NO. OF ROOMS 4.

CONDITION: Fair.

OTHER BUILDINGS: Open shed, directly behind house, 24' x 40' (fair)
Barn, stable, & manure shed combined 30' x 50' (fair)

NAME OF LESSEE OR RENTOR: None. (Brooder hse. 14' x 18' (good)

Sml. chick. coop 4' x 5'.

Packing shed. (very poor)

Chick. hse. 20' x 60' (G)

20' x 44' "

20' x 36' (F)

12' x 14' (G)

Sml. feed shed 8' x 12' (G)

TERMS:

WATER: 2 Wells.

ON:

OFF:

2 Storey

ON: Yes.

OFF: 2 "

LIGHT: Yes.

REMARKS: House is finished inside with cheap wall paper & V joint.
Windows & doors were found to be well boarded & locked.

Mrs. Hanna, who lives slightly north & on opposite side of road,
has keys for house. Mrs. Hanna has put in application for leasing
INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY & in the meantime has put her
chickens in the aboves chicken
houses.

See attached lists.

Signed:

J. Morison
W. A. Stinson

JAN - 9 - 1949

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

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

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

- (1) NAME FUJII ROY YOSHIO (RCMP) Reg. No. 15671
(Print) Surname Given Name
- (2) Pre-Evacuation Address HANEY B.C.
- (3) Present Address 526 MANNING AVE. TORONTO, ONT.
- (4) REAL ESTATE
- (a) Street Address (if any) 10th AVE. HANEY B.C.
City or Municipality Province
- (b) Legal description (lot number, block number, section number, etc.)
LOT 51 & 52. W 1/2 SECTION 20, TWP 12. NW. D.
- (c) Type of Real Property (cross out words which do not apply):
(i) Farm
(ii) Residence Type of business POULTRY & BERRY FARMING
(iii) Business
(iv) Any other type of property (describe)
- (d) What was your interest in the property (e.g., sole owner, life tenant, joint tenant, owner of one half or one third interest, leasehold, etc.) SOLE OWNER.
- (e) Fair market value at date of sale (estimate this to the best of your ability):
- | | | |
|---|-----------|-------------|
| (i) Land | - - - - - | \$ 4,000.00 |
| (ii) Buildings | - - - - - | \$ 2850.00 |
| (iii) If business, put value on business as going concern (including land and buildings, tenancies, chattels, fixtures, stock-in-trade, goodwill and accounts receivable) | - - - - - | 6850.00 |
| (iv) Total value (if you cannot give separate values for lands and buildings just fill in total value) | - - - - - | 6225.00 |
| (v) Amount at which Custodian sold property and credited your account | - - - - - | 1215.87 |
| (f) Loss (This figure is arrived at by deducting item (v) from item (iv)) | - - - - - | 5009.13 |
- LESS FORCED SALE LIVESTOCK 625.00

(5) PERSONAL PROPERTY

- (a) Place or places at which property was left by the claimant at date of evacuation
- (b) Type of premises in which property left (e.g., house, warehouse, garage, shed, church basement, etc.)
- (c) How stored or packed at time of evacuation

(over)

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

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

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1. | 54 SHARES | Estimated Value \$ |
| 2. | MAPLE RIDGE CO-OP | Estimated Value \$ |
| 3. | PRODUCE EXCHANGE | Estimated Value \$ |
| 4. | | Estimated Value \$ |
| 5. | | Estimated Value \$ |
| 6. | | Estimated Value \$ |
| 7. | | Estimated Value \$ |
| 8. | | Estimated Value \$ |
| 9. | | Estimated Value \$ |
| 10. | | Estimated Value \$ |
| TOTAL CLAIM FOR PROPERTY LOSS \$ | | |

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

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

(g) (a) Place at which claimant prefers to be heard.
(b) Do you require the services of an interpreter at the hearing? Yes or no

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

TORONTO

(Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Toronto or Montreal.)
(Vancouver, Kamloops, Nelson, Lethbridge.)

DOMINION OF CANADA

TO WIT:

1. Roy, Yoshio

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DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

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

DECLARED before me at the

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A.D. 1947

A Commissioner etc.

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

Name of Claimant **FEJIL, Bay Yoshie**
 Custodian File **12585**

Case **1001**

| <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 | | |
| | | | | | 1184. | 1363.86 | | | 1363.86 | |
| <u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Motor Vehicles | | Boats and Boat Gear | | | | | | | | |
| Sale Price | 25% thereof | Sale Price | Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price | Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price | Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners | Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Recorded Now Missing | 45% of amount in next preceding column | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>NETS</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total award for Nets plus Sale Price | | Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing | | Percentage Total Award to Total Claim | | Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing | | Apply % ratio to Claim | Deduct Custodian Sale Price | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Claim for goods Sold By Auction | Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction | Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price | Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim | Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid | Applica-tion of % ratio to amount in next preceding column | Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender | 12% of Sale Price | | | |
| 150.00 | 52.18 | 15.63 | 34.70% | 100.00 | 37.56 | | | | 53.31 | |
| TOTAL RECOMMENDATION | | | | | | | | | 1413.97 | |

October 20th, 1950.

Mr. Roy Yoshio FUJII,
526 Manning Ave.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission

Case No. 1001

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 ... \$1,419.07.

Cheque in your favour is enclosed for \$1,286.35
and we have paid the Co-Operative Committee .. \$ 132.72
for legal fees as authorized by you.

Yours truly,

FCS/ja
1 encl.

F.G. Shears
Director

DEFENCE BRIEF

Roy Yoshio FUJII

File No. 12585

Case No. 1001

Toronto
May 3, 1948
V.L.A.

Sheet A-12 Line - 1

REAL PROPERTY CLAIMS

1. Lots 51 and 52 of the West half of Section 20, Twp 12, Map 1161,
Municipality of Maple Ridge in the District of New Westminster.

| <u>Amended Claim</u> | <u>Appraisal</u> | <u>Sale Price</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| \$3000. land | \$1218.00 | \$1196.00 |
| \$1455. buildings | | |
| \$4455.00 gross r.p. claim | | |

Witness: H.L. Sinclair, V.L.A. Appraiser.
Evidence as to the particulars
was given by the claimant's
father, from whom the claimant
took the property.

The issue will be one of
valuation, particularly as to
the improvements.

Mr. Hunter at page 4 says
he is not contesting the claimant's
title to the property.

The 1942 assessment was
\$1805.00.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

2. Chattel Claim

\$258.00

(a) Goods valued by claimant at
\$238.00

Sold for \$52.15.

Sold at Auction at Haney on 17/3 - 24/3 - 5/4/45
and some abandoned or missing.

Witness:-

Mr. Moryson, attended auction.
These goods were sold as goods
of the claimant's father, Fukumatsu
Fujii, whose goods they were
originally. In the Transcript at
pp 12 et seq it will be seen that
the father says he gave all the
goods to the son and the son makes
this claim. See the remarks of
the Commissioner in the Transcript
as to his right to do so.

Now it does not appear exactly
what goods the claimant values at
\$238. Some of the goods in these
categories were sold at auction and
some were abandoned.

The father did not declare the
roll-top desk but it was subsequently
found and sold at auction for 50¢.

With respect to the cheque for \$30.54,
about which there is some discussion in the
Trans. \$25.54 of that amount was the net
proceeds from this auction.

It would appear that cross-examination
on the chattel claim is still forthcoming.

The details of disposition of the property in part (a) *supra* can be seen by referring to the Auction Sheet now in claim file and to the inventory in claim file signed by Moryson and Stinson.

(b) Goods valued by claimant at
\$20. MISSING

Note Ex. 5 just reads "2 stoves" and does not show the alteration or initialing.

But there is in the father's file, a letter from the tenant saying that both brooder stoves were on the property after our man took his inventory. Letter is undated.

There were the two brooder stoves. One was found by Moryson who included it in his inventory of Sept. 21/42. When that inventory was submitted to the claimant's father to be signed, he amended the list to read "2 brooder stoves" and properly initialed the change. He signed on Dec. 2/42.

It will thus be seen that one brooder stove was missing before our man took his inventory and one after that time.

BUT NOTE: that on the J.P. form of the claimant's father, he declared "2 brooders, 1 stove" and Moryson's report says "2 brooder covers and one stove (used)"

3. Crop Claim

\$1000.

It appears from the Transcript at page 2 that this claim is abandoned, but the wording is not definite. In any event Mr. Brewin states that the claimant sold the crop himself and we have there a good defence should they decide to treat the claim as not abandoned.

4. Livestock Claim

\$1600.

Same applies here as to crop claim. Appears to be abandoned but wording not definite. Same defence applies should they proceed with this claim.

Summary of Defence Witnesses

H. L. Sinclair

Mr. Moryson

Where Required

1.

2 (a), 2 (b).

FRS/mw
July 8/48

IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 99.

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E

(THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE H. I. BIRD, COMMISSIONER).

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Toronto, Ontario

May 3, 1948.

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF
ROY YOSHIO FUJII.

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING.

20 APPEARANCES:

J.W.G. HUNTER, Esq.,

appearing for the
Dominion Government.

S. A. BREWIN, Esq.,

appearing for the
Claimant.

A. WATSON, Esq.,

Secretary.

D.J. HANDFORD, Esq.,

Official Interpreter.

A. G. VEITCH, Esq.,

Official Reporter.

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Discussion.

MR. BREWIN: In this case, my lord, I would like to amend the claim, if I may.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

MR. BREWIN: Your lordship will see that the total claim put in here for real property, including buildings and business, was based on a claim of \$6,850, less forced sale of livestock, \$625.

10 When that claim was made I think the claimant was not fully aware of the terms of reference and we now want to claim for the land and buildings, that is, the real property, \$4,455, as the proper value sold by the Custodian, according to our figures, for \$1,198.87, making a total claim there of \$3,256.13.

THE COMMISSIONER: What is the total claim?

MR. BREWIN: \$3,256.13.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes?

20 MR. BREWIN: Then apparently the reason for this is that the claimant put in as the business here that figure you see in which he included certain items for which I think he can make no claim; that is to say, crops and livestock which he sold, himself, but he also put in \$258, included in that general figure, worth of personal chattels. He made no chattel claim at all.

THE COMMISSIONER: Well, he has claimed for shares of the Maple Ridge Co-operative.

MR. BREWIN: We are ready to withdraw that claim.

THE COMMISSIONER: You wish to add?

30 MR. BREWIN: A chattel claim for \$258 which should be

less ----

MR. HUNTER: Having had no chattel claim we are quite unprepared to deal with it at this time.

THE COMMISSIONER: I can quite appreciate that.

Possibly you may, Mr. Hunter, before we leave Toronto, be prepared to put in your defence to the chattel claim?

MR. HUNTER: I should think so, my lord.

10 MR. BREWIN: There are only some five items here. To tell the truth I did not hear about it until this morning.

THE COMMISSIONER: I will hear the evidence on the chattel claim now and Mr. Hunter will have the opportunity of bringing in his defence.

ROY YOSHIO FUJII, the claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

20 MR. BREWIN: Q. Mr. Fujii, have you had prepared for you and have you signed a statement of your claim in regard to the land and buildings which consisted of a farm in the municipality of Maple Ridge? A: Yes.

Q I am showing you a document which seems to have your signature on it. Was that form prepared by you?

A Yes.

Q And is it correct to the best of your knowledge and information? A: It is.

MR. BREWIN: Perhaps that might be filed as Exhibit No. 1.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1).

30 MR. BREWIN: Q. When did you acquire ownership of the land? A: In 1940.

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Q In 1940? A: Yes.

Q From whom? A: From my father.

Q I take it you have a document of title.
Perhaps my friend is not contesting your title to
the property.

MR. HUNTER: No.

MR. BREWIN: Q. Then I have here an agreement for sale
of the land from Hiroshi Ito, to Fukumatsu Fujii.
That is your father? A: Yes, sir.

10 Q And I notice that is dated October 16, 1919, and
that the total purchase price is \$1,750. That is
correct? A: Yes.

MR. HUNTER: What is that, again?

MR. BREWIN: \$1,750.

Q You came into possession of the property in 1940?

A Yes; that is right.

Q In the form you have filed you have shown that the
date of purchase was 1919 and that it was un-cleared.
Do you know about that, yourself, or is that the
20 information you had from your father?

A That is the information I had from my father.

THE COMMISSIONER: Q. Will you speak up, so we may hear
you? A: Yes.

MR. BREWIN: Q. Under "improvements since purchase other
than buildings" you have put "clearing, cultivating
and planting" and at an estimated cost of \$2,400.

Where did you get the information about that,
or, the estimate? A: Mostly from my
father.

30 Q Mostly from your father? A: Yes.

Q The work was done by whom? A: By whom?
Q By your father? A: You mean the clearing?
Q The clearing, yes? A: We hired some help.
Q And your father is here? A: Yes.
Q He can give evidence about that, I suppose?
A Yes.

10 Q I see you have listed a number of buildings including a house and barn, and so on, sheds. I will not take you over them in detail. Where did you get the information you have put in there about the cost of material and labour, and so on?

A The building costs I had a carpenter figure out just roughly how much is needed and of course I asked my father about it, too. That is the way I figured it out.

Q You had your father and your carpenter together?

A Yes.

Q And yourself? A: Yes; that is right.

20 Q And you figured out from the information given by them the estimates put on by the carpenter these figures which appear in your statement? Is that right? A: That is right.

Q And have you accurately, as best you can put in the result of those interviews, that questioning of the carpenter and with your father? A: Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: I read the statement, Exhibit No. 1, as constituting a claim of \$4,455 or rather an original valuation of \$4,455. Is that correct?

MR. BREWIN: Yes, my lord

30 Q When did you leave the property?

A We left at the end of August, 1942.

Q Did you have it rented, yourself, at all before you left?
A: No.

Q In your original claim you have made a claim under the general heading of "Business." Since then have you prepared a further statement in regard to personal chattels?
A: Yes.

Q I am showing you a document. Is that your signature on the document?
A: That is right.

10 Q Now I notice on this document you put in a statement as to crops and livestock but I take it it has been explained to you that as you sold those, yourself, you cannot make a claim before this Commission?

Is that correct?
A: Yes.

Q But the information as to the major items of personal chattels, is that as prepared by you on this form?
A: Yes.

Q And I see it includes two incubators, two breeder stoves, a desk, a roll-top desk, dining table and chairs and household goods, and garden implements, on which you put a total value of \$258?
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A That is right.

Q And that is what you are claiming for personal chattels?
A: Yes.

Q Did you receive anything for these chattels from the Custodian?
A: I received a cheque for \$30.54.

Q \$30.54. I see you put in the price paid for these articles. That is listed. From where did you get that information?
30 A: From my father.

Q From your father? A: Yes.

Q You did not actually make the payments yourself?

A No.

(SOLDIERS SETTLEMENT BOARD APPRAISAL REPORTS)

MR. BREWIN: There is some reference to crops and live-
stock, for which we are making no claim.

I think that is all I have to ask of this
witness.

10 MR. HUNTER: It is submitted that the real property was
sold for its fair market value. It is submitted
that the personal property was undeclared and was
not found.

THE COMMISSIONER: That does not jibe with the witness's
statement that he got some money from the Custodian
for personal property.

MR. HUNTER: That is right; and I do not think he did,
my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: I see.

(PARTICULARS OF PERSONAL CHATTELS MARKED EXHIBIT NO.3)

CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q Is this your signature, Mr. Fujii, on that card?

A That is right.

THE COMMISSIONER: Is it possible that a declaration of
chattel property was made by perhaps the father or
some other member of the family?

MR. HUNTER: Yes; and some of his was sold.

THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps that accounts for his state-
ment that the sum of money was received?

MR. HUNTER: It may well be, my lord.

This is dated August 27, 1942, signed by the claimant in which he certifies that the above information is true and complete and states that "I have no property of any kind whatsoever in any protected area in British Columbia."

(CERTIFICATION MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

10 MR. HUNTER: As your lordship will appreciate, in view of the fact that no chattel claim was made, we did not bother getting that information about chattels, that is, of the father's chattels.

We do know that there were some chattels left there by the father and some were sold but none were sold on behalf of this claimant.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. I appreciate that.

You will be free to cross-examine at a later date, once you are instructed with regard to the chattels, Mr. Hunter.

MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: And, Mr. Brewin, I will ask you to arrange for the attendance of the claimant when Mr. Hunter announces he is ready to proceed.

MR. HUNTER: Q. How much did you say that cheque was for which you got for chattels?

It was \$30.54.

A: I think

Q How do you know it was for chattels?

A It was stated in the letter.

Q Have you the letter there?

A: Yes.

Q May I see it, please.

A: (Producing).

30 Q This letter is addressed to your father, Fukumatsu

Fujii? Is that your father?

A: Yes.

Q. Then, this is not a letter to you?
have the date?

A: May I

Q. June 4, 1947.

A. I was only 20 then.

I was under age so it was still under his care.

Q. But this is a letter written to him, and the
number given is 14091, and your number is 12585.
This is a letter to him. It does not say it is
on your behalf, it says it is his.

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It says:

"Which sum" (\$30.54) "represents your full remain-
"ing credit balance at this office at the present
"time. These funds were derived from the sale
"of chattels at public auction and a refund of
"your B.C. Electric Railway Company light security
"deposit."

THE COMMISSIONER: I take it what it comes down to is
that the father has placed the son in possession
of either the chattels or the proceeds of sale.
Can we deal with it on that basis?

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I think, Mr. Brewin, we must have a letter
from the father.

MR. BREWIN: He is here.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is so much the better; he may
be called.

MR. HUNTER: Either he will have to declare a gift of
this to the son or put in a claim, himself.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. What I am anxious to do is to
see that the claim of the son is not defeated by
reason of the fact that the father did not file

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a claim in time. The son, after all, did file a claim, or thought he was filing a claim for both land and chattels.

Now, can we not deal with it on that basis, as long as the father is here, to declare that this was a gift to his son before the date of the order-in-council?

MR. HUNTER: Yes; provided these were declared or filed on behalf of the father.

10 MR. BREWIN: Yes. We have them.

MR. HUNTER: I could not have any objection to that. One or the other is entitled to claim.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. I presume the father must have declared them and that the Custodian got possession of some at least else he would not be accounting to anybody for the proceeds of sale.

MR. HUNTER: Yes. That is correct. We have to send for the father's file.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes. If that is satisfactory I propose to deal with it on that basis, unless you have some objection to it being done.

MR. HUNTER: No. I very much object, however, to the all-inclusive type of claim made but, as a matter of justice, I think they are entitled to be heard, except they are rather delinquent.

30 THE COMMISSIONER: I agree the claim was not filed as it should have been in the first instance. We should allow some latitude, however. Perhaps I am allowing too much. However, there is less harm done on that basis than as if there were not

enough latitude.

MR. HUNTER: The total assessment for the two parcels, for land is \$1,000, that is, \$500 each, and for improvements \$805 - \$125 on one, and \$680 on the other.

THE COMMISSIONER: A total of \$1,805; for what year?

MR. HUNTER: That was for 1942.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: I take it that this method of disposition of the claim is satisfactory from the claimant's point of view, Mr. Brewin?

MR. BREWIN: Yes, thank you, Mr. Commissioner.

MR. HUNTER: The sale price was \$1,196.

THE COMMISSIONER: Any cross-examination on the real estate claim?

MR. HUNTER: No, my lord. It is entirely a question of value. This chap obviously would not know much about it. He was a child at the time.

20 THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Fujii, it will be necessary for you to come back again for cross-examination on the chattel claim. In the meantime nothing further is required of you. Your counsel will advise you when you are required.

That is all, thank you.

THE WITNESS: Thank you.

FUKUMATSU FUJII, being first duly sworn, testified through the interpreter as follows:

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. BREWIN:

Q. Mr. Fujii, are you the father of the last witness, the claimant, Roy Yoshie Fujii? A. Yes.

Q. He has told us that in 1940 you gave to him or conveyed to him your interest in the farm in Maple Ridge, which you had owned. Is that correct?

THE COMMISSIONER: Haney, is it not?

MR. BREWIN: The agreement reads "Maple Ridge".

10 THE COMMISSIONER: The farm appraisal reports refer to it as one mile from the town of Haney; Maple Ridge district.

THE WITNESS: Yes. I was ill at that time and I gave it all to my son.

MR. BREWIN: Q. Did you also give the contents of the house as well as the land and buildings to your son? A. Yes.

Q. And I have here what seems to be the inventory of chattels left on property of Fukumatsu Fujii.

20 This list is signed F. Fujii. Is that your signature there? A. Yes.

Q. I see you sign as being left on property of Fukumatsu Fujii. Is that on the property given your son? A. Yes.

Q. Who prepared this list?

A. I do not know who made the list up, although that is my signature.

Q. I am told - and I do not know how far I should lead witnesses - that it was prepared by somebody from the Custodian's Office.

MR. HUNTER: Yes.

MR. BREWIN: Perhaps that is admitted. It is just an inventory of chattels dated September 21, 1942. I am instructed it was prepared by some representative of the Custodian's Office.

MR. HUNTER: I think that is right. This would be a copy prepared by the Custodian's Office and sent to the claimant for confirmation.

MR. BREWIN: Perhaps on that basis it can be filed.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: Yes; all right.

MR. BREWIN: Thank you.

(INVENTORY OF CHATTELS LEFT ON PROPERTY OF
FUKUMATSU FUJII.)

MR. BREWIN: Q. According to the evidence we have already had you paid \$1,750 for the land in 1919?

A. Yes.

Q. And was it cleared or uncleared when you bought it?

A. It was uncleared.

20 Q. Uncleared. According to Exhibit 1, which we have had filed, you cleared it and you estimate the cost at \$2,400.

Would you tell me if that is correct and how you work that out?

A. There was a large number of very large stumps. All this we cleared by hand more or less with the use of gunpowder, explosives, and it cost a good deal. That is my estimate of how much it cost to clear.

30 Q. Then, your son has told us that he worked out with you the cost of material and labour, the value of your own labour on the different buildings and has

set them out in this exhibit, Exhibit No. 1. Is what he told us correct, that he worked it out with you?

A. Yes; in conjunction with my son these facts were supplied.

Q. Did the carpenter assist you in giving the prices?

A. Yes. Particularly in regard to the cost of material we got the advice of the carpenter.

Q. And is what is set out here true and accurate to the best of your ability?

A. Yes.

10 THE COMMISSIONER: I take it, Mr. Brewin, that the figures furnished by the carpenter will be replacement costs as at the date the discussion took place with the carpenter. Is that the situation?

MR. BREWIN: Perhaps I had better ask him about that. I had not gone into that.

THE COMMISSIONER: You see, these buildings were built---

MR. BREWIN: At different dates.

THE COMMISSIONER: --- back as far as 1919.

20 MR. BREWIN: Yes.

Q. In figuring out the cost of material did the carpenter take the value of materials as he understood them to be at the different dates they were built, or at the present time, or when?

A. On the basis of new materials at the time of evacuation, but discounted for the time the buildings had been in use.

Q. Perhaps we can make it easier this way:

I have here a list of materials and the prices shown for them which I think was prepared by the

claimant and this witness, together with the
carpenter. Will you look that over and tell me if
that is the basis of your statement?

THE COMMISSIONER: Have we not got it as clearly
explained as this witness could probably do it?

MR. BREWIN: Probably we have.

THE COMMISSIONER: Prices as of 1942, with what he
considers a due allowance for depreciation, but I
do not think we could get much closer to it
through him.

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MR. BREWIN: I will put this in.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well.

MR. BREWIN: It is a summary of how he arrives at the
figures for the material.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes.

(SUMMARY OF BUILDING MATERIALS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 6)

MR. BREWIN: Now, Mr. Fujii, on these articles which
were shown, claimed for chattels on the property
which you gave to your son, they have put down in
the claim here "price paid" on Exhibit No. 5. Did
you actually pay the amounts shown here?

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A. These are the prices I paid for them.

MR. BREWIN: I think that is all, thank you.

THE COMMISSIONER: Would you prefer to postpone your
cross-examination until you can go on with the
cross-examination on chattels entirely?

MR. HUNTER: No, I do not think so, my lord. I might
as well clean up the real property, if I can.

THE COMMISSIONER: All right.

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CROSS-EXAMINATION BY MR. HUNTER:

Q. You were ill at the time you conveyed this property to your son? A. Yes.

Q. And that was in 1942, or 1941?

A. I do not quite remember exactly. It is on some written statement, written form. I have it written here.

Q. Never mind that. We will find that out later. Did you do any farming on your property in 1942? Surely that is not a difficult question; either you farmed in 1942 or you did not farm in 1942.

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A. Yes, for a short while.

Q. Yes. You had about a quarter of an acre under cultivation? Is that right? A. Yes.

THE COMMISSIONER: Mr. Interpreter, for future interpretation, would you convey to the witness my desire that he apply his mind to the question asked and not talk about a lot of other things, which obviously he is doing.

20 MR. HUNTER: Q. With respect to the carpenter who helped you calculate your costs, what is his name?

A. Utsunomiya Genji.

Q. He was a Japanese? A. Yes.

Q. And he knew why you were calculating these?

A. Yes.

Q. Did he know the buildings personally?

THE COMMISSIONER: Perhaps you had better put it, had he made any personal examination of the buildings.

MR. HUNTER: Yes.

30 Q. Aside from his social life had he made a personal

examination of the buildings?

A. He was the carpenter that helped make blueprints for some of the houses when they were built, some of the buildings.

Q. Where did he learn his carpentry?

A. He was not a professional carpenter. It was a sideline with him.

Q. I see. Now, how did you make your living?

10 THE COMMISSIONER: I take it your question relates to the time when he was operating the farm, himself. Is that the case?

MR. HUNTER: Yes, my lord.

I will put it more directly.

THE WITNESS: By raising chickens and growing strawberries.

20 Q. Before you took ill you owned this farm, yourself, did you make your living off the farm out of growing strawberries, or did you make it out of chickens, or how was it apportioned, or did you make your living there? I want to know just how you made your living at that time.

A. For about the last three years before evacuation it was mainly from chickens that I made my livelihood. Prior to that it was mainly from the strawberries.

Q. With respect to the incubators and brooder stoves you had, were they mainly oil? A. Yes.

30 Q. I wonder if I could find out what the garden implements are for which they are claiming \$103. Is it some particular group?

THE COMMISSIONER: You can hope. It might be worth while trying.

MR. HUNTER: With respect to these blanket claims it is very difficult to answer them if one does not know what they are claiming.

THE COMMISSIONER: I quite agree.

Put it to the witness and see what you can get.

MR. HUNTER: Q. You have claimed \$103, or your son has---

MR. BREWIN: It is in another document, I believe.

10 MR. HUNTER: Is it on the inventory?

MR. BREWIN: Yes. See "household goods and garden implements."

MR. HUNTER: There are a large number of items on this inventory, which is Exhibit No. 5, showing prices or amounts opposite them, but how they arrived at this particular one, I suppose they took out those things which are deemed to be garden implements and added them up.

MR. BREWIN: I think they took out three or four larger
20 things and listed them. The rest is the balance.

MR. HUNTER: If possible might not the secretary keep this file available and not send it back to Vancouver until we get time to deal with the matter? It would be of great assistance to us.

THE COMMISSIONER: See that that is done. Hold these exhibits until such time as the cross-examination of the claimant on chattels is proceeded with.

THE SECRETARY: Very well, my lord.

MR. HUNTER: That is all just now, my lord.

30 MR. BREWIN: That is the evidence on this case, my lord.

THE COMMISSIONER: Very well. That is all, thank you,
witness.

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

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

A. G. Veitch

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Official Reporter.

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