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PERSONAL

EVACUATION SECTION

Rec'd OCT 2 1943

FILE No. 15175

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN

Ans. ~~Amc.~~ JAPANESE SECTION

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: (Before) OBARA TSUNEO

HOME ADDRESS: (Before) Cumberland B.C.

REGISTRATION NUMBER 06113 SEX: ~~Male~~ female AGE: 58

OCCUPATION: Logger

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: B.C. Security Commission - N.D.

MARRIED: Yes

NAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: SHIRAYU

ADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: NEW DENVER

NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: Four 1 female 3 males

1. Toshiko 2. Tatsuo 3. Ritschi 4. Yoko

ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: New Denver B.C. #38

AGE OF CHILDREN: 22, 17, 14, 12

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

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: Cumberland No. 5 A #105  
16' x 22' (old) - 16' x 22' (new) both together

BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: Yes

EXHIBIT No. 324-4

DATE 7 June 1948

FILLED BY Crown

INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) no

3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) no

amount and where payable) 50¢ a month payable to Can. Collieries Ltd.

LEASES (If vacant so state) no

PROPERTY REMAINING in the Protected AREA



7. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF TITLE DOCUMENTS:

8. STATE IF ANY OTHER PERSON HAS ANY INTEREST: *no*

9. IF FARM LAND STATE CROPS SOWN *about 1/2 acre  
potato cabbage etc*

**STATEMENT OF REAL PROPERTY OCCUPIED**

1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION:

2. LANDLORD'S NAME AND ADDRESS:

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

4. STATE WHEREABOUTS OF LEASE:

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

6. IF FARM LAND, PARTICULARS OF CROPS SOWN:

**STATEMENT OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OWNED:**

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

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

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

CLAIM ON ANY SUCH PROPERTY



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: \_\_\_\_\_
5. MORTGAGES, LIENS AND OTHER CLAIMS ON PROPERTY IN POSSESSION OF OTHERS: \_\_\_\_\_
6. MONEYS OWING TO YOU (State if any of these debts assigned and if so, to whom) \_\_\_\_\_
7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts) \_\_\_\_\_
8. BANK ACCOUNTS: \_\_\_\_\_
9. LIFE INSURANCE: \_\_\_\_\_
10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: \_\_\_\_\_
11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: \_\_\_\_\_

**LIABILITIES:**

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_
2. TRADE DEBTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 1942<sup>3</sup>

(Signature) Tamara O. Oda

Yasuo Oda  
Witness

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



BUREAU HASTINGS PARK  
OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN  
JAPANESE SECTION

FILE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by persons of the Japanese race having property in any protected area. The proper administration of this property requires such persons to give full particulars as requested in this form.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**NAME: OBARA, Mrs. Tsuneo (Shirau)HOME ADDRESS: Boxx333 Cumberland, B. C.REGISTRATION NUMBER 06113 SEX: female AGE: 53OCCUPATION: housewife

(If any business or businesses carried on, state where, under what name and whether carried on by yourself or in partnership with anyone; if partnership, give partner's name.)

EMPLOYER: noneMARRIED? yesNAME OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: TsuneoADDRESS OF WIFE OR HUSBAND: now evacuated.NAMES OF ANY LIVING CHILDREN: George, (M), Yokio (M), Tatsuo (M)ADDRESS OF CHILDREN: now in Hastings Park, Vancouver, B. C.AGE OF CHILDREN: 13, 11, latter 16 in March 1942. respectively.**STATEMENT OF ALL REAL PROPERTY** (Each parcel must be mentioned and particulars given)1. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: none2. BUILDINGS AND OTHER IMPROVEMENTS: none3. INSURANCE (Give particulars; state where policies are) none4. TAXES (Amount and where payable) none

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

none

6. OCCUPANCY AND LEASES (If vacant so state)

none



4. INSURANCE CARRIED ON ABOVE PROPERTY: none

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

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

7. BONDS, DEBENTURES, SHARES, STOCKS OR OTHER SECURITIES (State whereabouts)  
\$40.00 in War Savings certificates the property of son (Tatsuo) age 16, 1942. (March)  
in his possession.

8. BANK ACCOUNTS: none

9. LIFE INSURANCE: none

10. INTEREST IN ANY ESTATES OR TRUSTS: none

11. SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX: none

#### LIABILITIES:

1. PERSONAL DEBTS: Komura Bros. Vancouver, B. C. approximately \$80.00;  
T. Iwasa Cumberland, B. C. approximately \$100.00; other small debts  
approximately \$120.00, names and addresses unknown.

2. TRADE DEBTS: none

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

Dated this 28th day of April 1942

(Signature)

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W. C. Patterson  
Witness

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



INFORMATION FROM R.C.M.P.

Date Aug. 30/43.

File No. N/R 1515

11 Name OBARA Tsuneo  
(Surname in Block Letters)

Registration No. 02323

Male - Female  
(check)

Age June 6, 1894

Former Address P.O. Box 333 Cumberland B.C.  
" " 40, Coombs B.C.

Date Evacuated Mar. 15/42 Naturalized - Canadian-Born - National  
(check)

Present Address New Denver, B.C.

☒ Married - Single  
(check)

Name of Wife 6488 #06113  
MATUNAGA Shirayuki

Name of Husband -

Name of Mother Deceased Name of Father Deceased

Names of Children under 16 Tatsuo (M) 22/3/26 #15451

Rinichi (M) 16/6/28

Yukio (M) 12/2/30

Requested by CCP Registered with Custodian  
(Yes or No)

Additional Information Logger.

42/8



NAME OSARA, Shiran (Mrs. Tawnee)

REGISTRATION NO. 06113 FILE NO. 4100

The following chattels were sold by public  
auction at Cumberland, E. C. ON December 13, 1941

- Kitchen range \$ 5.00

Total		\$	5.00
Less Expenses:	(Auctioneer's Fee)	\$ 0.50	
	(Advertising)	0.20	
	(Moving)	0.57	
Net Proceeds Credited:		\$	3.73

Members of Custodian Staff Present.

Mr. Matt Brown

Extracted from Auctioneering List No.

Cumberland 4.

Remarks.



(Copy for File 15175).

CHATTLES SCHMIDT

File 6122.

Shirai (Mrs. Tameo) OHARA.

Reg. No. 06113.

(JF Form Apr. 28/42).

(Inventoried: — ).

(Evacuated: Sept. 3/42).

JF Form (Apr. 28/42):

	Shipped	Sold	Stored	Remarks
(1) Kitchen goods	(29)			Left at House No. 106, Cumberland.
(2) Kitchen stove			(36)	
(3) Dresser			(35)	
(4) Fuel Stove			(37)	
(5) Ducky Stove			(38)	
(6) Tables (3)			(33)	
(7) Bed ends				
(8) Double beds (2) with Mattresses	(24-27)			
(9) Linoleum				
(10) Bunkie Baskets				
(11) Frames (5)				Left with Matt Brown.
(12) Clothes Rack				
(13) Carpenter tools				
(14) Garden tools	(28)			
(15) Chairs (5)			(34)	
(16) Large Tins (8)				
(17) Kitchen Cabinet			(32)	
(18) Washing tub	(30)			
(19) Wash Board and Bucket				
(20) Books				
(21) Japanese musical instrument				
(22) Sundry small Effects				
(23) Box	(29)			

Notation on Custodian Release Form  
(June 12/43):

(24) Bed Springs (2)	16/6/42
(25) Bed Ends (2 halves)	16/6/42
(26) Bed Rails (1 half)	16/6/42
(27) Mattresses (2)	16/6/42
(28) Garden tools (1 sack)	16/6/42
(29) Boxes (2)	16/6/42
(30) Galvanized Tub	16/6/42
(31) Boxes (1 tin)	16/6/42

Matt Brown's letter (Jan. 23/43):

(32) Kitchen Cabinet (old)				Balance left in Home.
(33) Tables (2)				
(34) Chairs (3)				
(35) Dresser				
(36) Kitchen range		13/12/44		
(37) Tin heater				Sold for \$2.50 as old clock.
(38) Ducky Stove				
(39) Coal (1 ton)		23/1/43		

(Over)



CHARTER SCHEDULE...Page 2.

- NOTES: (A) = Custodian agent, Matt Brown's report dated Aug. 20/42 (on File 6486), reads: "Having sent out to this party all goods of value that can be shipped, the balance left in the home in the meantime."
- (B) = See letters of Jan. 23/43 and Feb. 3/43, on File 6486, for list of goods left in house as of January 23rd, 1943.
- (C) = In his belated "JP" declaration, dated Sept. 28/43, the husband (File 15175) stated: "No property remaining in the Protected Area." On Jan. 31/46 he sent in a list of personal property with his idea of values, the first item being the house, for which a value of \$1,750.00 is shown. The salvage value of this house to Canadian Collieries Ltd. was put (and paid for) by them at \$40.00.

E. & O. E.  
20th SEPTEMBER, 1946.

END/P.





LIABILITIES SUMMARY

File 15175.

Tamara OBARA

Reg. No. 07373.

\$11.92 Cumberland Electric Lighting Co. Ltd. Statement  
(Apr. 15/42). Paid by this office June 11th, 1945.

\$16.44 Cumberland & Union Waterworks Co. Ltd. Statement  
(Apr. 15/42). Paid by this office June 11th, 1945.

\$11.40 Sankle's Shop. Statement (Apr. 20/42). Paid by this  
office June 11th, 1945.

There are no other claims recorded in this file.

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

23rd September, 1946.



12/7.



File No. 15175

February 23rd, 1945

CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Tamara OHARA - Reg. No. 07373

CREDITORS:-

- |  |              |
|--|--------------|
| 1. Cumberland & Union Waterworks Co. Ltd. .... | \$ 28.36     |
| 2. Scarle's Shoes.....                         | 14.40        |
|  | <u>42.76</u> |

} Sd June 1945

Note:

Mrs. Shiron OHARA (Tamara OHARA) - Reg. No. 06113 - File No. 6488

CREDITORS:-

- |                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Kama Bros. ....                  | Approx.....\$20.00 |
| 2. I. Iwasa.....                    | Approx.... 100.00  |
| 3. Yoshida KIRIYOTO....P-1822 ..... | 125.00             |

JP } all registered by  
JP } credit card + checked  
JP } by Mr O 7/1/45 in  
JP } his book

Denied L 3/2/43  
Creditor advised  
15/2/43

Agrees as in reply  
to above

Gr. Bal. ....\$ 86.23

/s/

Excluded info in claim letter  
as she has the funds

25345



6488

P.O. Box 431,

Cumberland, B.C.

Aug. 20/42.

Mr. R.P. Alexander, Manager,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

Report on OBARA Mrs. Tsunee Reg. # 06113

1 & 2 Location and Nature of property. 5 room house #105, 106  
# 5 Japanese Town, Cumberland, B.C. on property of Canadian  
Celleries "D" Ltd. Ground rent \$1.00 per month. No rent has been  
paid since July of 1928.

3 Contents left in home. as listed on J.P. Form have been  
shipped out with the exception of old tables. Kitchen cabinet's  
etc. which we left in the home until same can be rented.

*Beil*

4 Insurance. None.

5 Liabilities and personal debts. as listed on J.P. Forms.

6 Recommendations. Having sent out to this party all goods  
of value that can be shipped, the ballance left in the home  
in the meantime.

Kindly advise anything further on this party's affairs.

Yours truly

*Matt Brown*

Matt Brown.

Custodian Agent.



OBARA, Mrs. Tsuneo (Hirano)  
File 6488 Reg 06113

Lot of coal

P.O. Box 431,  
Cumberland B.C.  
Jan 23/43.

Mr. H.F. Green,  
Protection Dept.,  
Office of the Custodian,  
Japanese Evacuation Section,  
Vancouver B.C.

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JAN 28 1943
File No.	6488
Ans.	2/2
Referred	Brown

Dear Sir:-

RE: OBARA ( Mrs. Tsuneo ) File # 6488.

In reply to your letter of Dec. 19/42 pertaining to effects left in the home and coal left in the shed. Sorry of the delay in answering your letter of Oct. 20/42.

As you are aware this house has been broken into and effects scattered about the house. Mr. C.E. Mounce and I packed all bulk articles such as kitchen wares etc. in company with Constable A. Lashmar of Provincial Police and noted that some articles were missing. Balance left in the home are as follows:-  
1 old kitchen cabinet, 2 tables, 3 old chairs, 1 dresser, 1 kitchen range, 1 tin heater and 1 Donkey stove in out shed.

Referring to the 3 tons of coal left in shed. On checking up on this in the early part of June last at which time I had a letter from Miss OBARA asking me to sell same at \$2.00 to Mr. Wilkinson. He did not take same as it was a lot of old slack coal picked up from the rock dump and of very poor quality. There was not much more than 1 ton and not 3 tons as mentioned in your letter. We sold this slack coal to Mr. J.C. Williams for \$2.50. We are enclosing postal note in payment of same.

Hoping this will clean up the coal in question.

Yours truly

*Matt. Brown,*  
Matt Brown.  
Custodian Agent.

Postal Note Encl.



6488

August 27th, 1949

Mrs. Tsuneo ORAPA,  
Registration No. 06113,  
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Madam:

The Custodian is pleased to inform you that arrangements have now been completed whereby Canadian Collieries (Dunsmuir) Limited, have taken over numerous houses on their properties that were at one time occupied by persons of the Japanese race.

As the Company owned the land, the right to use and occupy such buildings was contingent upon payment of a nominal rent. We are informed that the right of occupation and use of any structure on the land was to terminate if the occupier ceased to be an employee of the Company. The Corporation, however, agreed to pay an estimated salvage value for the buildings, and pursuant to the agreement, the Company's Inspection Engineer, along with our agent, appraised each building on the basis of its value to the Company, in connection with their building plan.

You occupied the building known as House #106, No. 5 Japanese Town, and the award fixed as aforesaid amounted to \$40.00. Your account has, therefore, been credited with this sum.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell  
Administration Department

RGB:LF

*5-room House. No amount paid since  
July 1928.*



15175 & 6488.

September 23rd, 1946.

POSTMASTER: MAIL.

Mr. and Mrs. Tameso OBARA,  
Registration No. 07373 and 06113,  
P. O. Box 238,  
Raymond, Alberta.

Dear Sir and Madam:

Your files have been up for review and we avail ourselves of this opportunity to give you a brief resume of our administration of your affairs.

As you know, the policies in regard to the management and subsequent liquidation of your property were decided upon by the Government of Canada, and while the problem was a difficult one for all concerned, we can assure you that it has been the aim of this office to carry out these policies in as careful and fair a manner as possible.

Real Property: You did not own any Real Property in the Protected Area of British Columbia, but you declared ownership of a dwelling built on land owned by Canadian Collieries Ltd., to which we refer below.

Personal Property: The dwelling referred to above was one of many owned by evacuees under a long expired agreement with the Colliery Company. The Company recognized no outside equity in such buildings. Although under no legal obligation the Company, as a result of negotiations initiated by this office, agreed to make an ex gratia payment, based on the salvage value to those of such buildings. The appraisal of such building made by the Company's engineer, accompanied by our local agent, resulted in an ex gratia payment to you of \$40.00, as advised Mrs. Obara on the 27th August, 1945.

Mr. Obara did not include any chattels in his "JP" declaration of assets to the Custodian (dated Sept. 28/43). Of those declared by Mrs. Obara on April 28th, 1942, our records show the bulk to have been shipped to you on June 16th, 1942. What was left would appear to have been of too little value to justify the expense of removal for sale by auction.

Monies, Shares, etc.: War Savings Certificates (\$40.00) declared by Mrs. Obara remained in her possession and did not come under our administration.

Liabilities: Mrs. Obara declared certain debts which, however, were not registered by creditors named and this office has, therefore, taken no action. Claims (3) registered against Mr. Obara were all paid by this office, at your request, on June 11th, 1945.

Balance: There is a credit balance of \$43.47 in your account at the present time, made up as follows:

(Over)



Mr. and Mrs. Tsunee OBARA.

Page 2.

September 23rd, 1946.

Nov. 18/42	Rent of House No. 106 @ \$7.00 per month		\$14.00
Nov. 18/42	Ground rent @ \$1.00	\$ 2.00	
Jan. 29/43	Sale of Coal		\$ 2.50
Mar. 10/43	Rent		\$ 7.00
Apr. 15/43	Rent		\$ 7.00
June 29/43	Rent		\$14.00
Sept. 15/43	Ex gratia payment by Canadian Collieries Ltd. representing estimated salvage value of House No. 106		\$40.00
Feb. 7/45	Proceeds of auction sale, less charges	\$ 1.27	\$ 5.00
June 14/45	Payment of Claim	\$28.36	
June 14/45	Payment of Claim	\$14.40	
Today	Balance on hand	<u>\$43.47</u>	<u>          </u>
		<u>\$89.50</u>	<u>\$89.50</u>

and we enclose our cheque for this balance (\$43.47), made out in your joint names. This payment will leave no balance in your account, which will therefore be closed.

This would appear to account for all property of every kind left by you in the protected area which vested in the Custodian, and in order that you may confirm this, we enclose a stamped addressed envelope for your convenience.

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,  
Administration Department.

RGR/P.  
Encl. 2.



GENERAL SUMMARY

File 15175.

Tosuke ORARA.

Reg. No. 07373.

This 38-year old logger, a Japanese National, from Cumberland, signed a Custodian "JP" declaration form on the 28th September, 1943. He was evacuated on the 15th March, 1942.

His wife, Shiron (File 6488), signed a Custodian "JP" declaration form on the 28th April, 1942. She was evacuated, presumably with her 3 children, on the 3rd September, 1942.

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

Real Property: None, but under this heading evacuee declared ownership of House No. 106 on land owned by Canadian Collieries Ltd., Cumberland. In a general settlement effected by this office with the Colliery Company, the Company made an ex gratia payment to the numerous evacuee owners of buildings on their land. This payment was based on the salvage value to them of such buildings, in this case the amount being \$40.00, which was credited to the wife's account (6488) on August 27th, 1943, as the husband (15175) did not complete his "JP" declaration until later (Sept. 28/43).

Personal Property: None, but see copy of Chattels Schedule on file for those declared by wife.

Bills Receivable: None.

Rents, Shares, etc.: None.

Bank Accounts: None.

Life Insurance: None.

Liabilities: See Liabilities Summary for particulars of liabilities disclosed in this file, all of which have been paid from wife's account (6488).

Funds: There is no ledger account in this name.

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

23rd September, 1946.

*[Signature]*

WSD/P.



CLAIM ON PERSONAL PROPERTY

File 15175.

Claimant: James OBARA.

<u>Account</u>	<u>On</u>	<u>Exp. Valuation</u>	<u>Ass. Value</u>	<u>Appr. Value</u>	<u>Realised</u>
(1) \$1,750.00	House (4 rooms) on Colliery land, Cumberland, V.I.	\$1,750.00	—	—	—
(2) \$ 285.00	Household chattels as listed	\$ 285.00	—	—	—
\$2,035.00	Correct total				
10.00	Claimant's mistake				
\$2,045.00	Claimant's total (gross)				
43.45	Ack. Custodian Credits				
\$2,001.55	Amount of Claim				

Remarks

(1) This item (\$1,750.00) represents a small house (4-rooms) built by claimant in an area known as No. 5 Japanese Town on land owned by Canadian Collieries Ltd., Cumberland, V.I. No ground rent had been paid since July, 1928. The Company did not recognize any outside equity in buildings vacated by evictees but eventually agreed to make an ex gratia payment of estimated salvage value to them of such buildings. In this case this amounted to \$40.00.

(2) Some of the articles included in this item (\$285.00) were shipped to owner and others would have been discarded as of no sale value, except the kitchen stove, which was sold for \$5.00. See Personal Property Analysis.

*W.D.*

Vancouver, B. C., Mar. 15/48.

MB/P.



EXHIBIT No. 324-5-  
 DATE 7 June 1948  
 FILLED BY Crown

To the Secretary of State acting  
 in his capacity as Custodian.

I OBARA S., Police  
 registration No. 06113, hereby request you to  
 release to me the under-noted property stored at At Home 2

Mr. Matt Brown Storage Cumberland, B. C.  
 and I release you from any claim whatsoever with respect to  
 such property.

Description of Property:

1 Box (Matt Brown Storage)  
 1 Box Kitchen Utensils ✓  
 1 Box Musical Instrument  
 Wash Tub & Wash Board  
 3 Buckets & Garden & Carpenter Tools  
 2 Bed Outfits

*Shipped as per B.H. June 16/48*  
 2 Bed Springs  
 2 Bales Bed Mats  
 1 " " Rails  
 2 Mattresses  
 1 Sk. Garden Tools  
 2 Bases  
 1 Galv. Tub  
 1 Tin-pail Sauce  
 12

Dated this 12th. day of June 1942.

Osapiko Obaras  
 (Japanese sign here)

Approved

James Rose  
 B.C. SECURITY COMMISSION

NOTE:

The Custodian is advised that the B.C. Security Commission will pay transportation charges up to 1,000 pounds (which amount includes the free baggage allowed by railroad company on tickets), and any charges over this amount will have to be for the account of the individual Japanese evacuee.



November 28, 1950.

Messrs. Virtue, Russell & Morgan,  
Barristers & Solicitors,  
McFarland Building,  
Lethbridge, Alta.

Attention: A.G. Virtue, Esq. K.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Japanese Property Claims Commission,  
Case 479 - Your file No. 3212-165

We have your letter of the 27th instant in regard to the above case. As far as we are concerned, the only reason the award has not been paid is due to the fact that a signed Release form has not been received by us.

Have you any correspondence indicating that this release has been executed and returned?

The Release in connection with case 324 - Tsuneo OHARA, also appears to be outstanding.

Kindly let us hear from you again, and if these Release forms have gone astray, we will prepare new ones for execution.

Yours truly,

F. G. Shears,  
Director.

FGS/GN



VIRTUE, RUSSELL & MORGAN

BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS  
AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

MEFARLAND BUILDING, OPPOSITE COURT HOUSE

LETHBRIDGE, ALBERTA

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

30th November, 1950.

PLEASE REFER TO FILE NO. 3212-165  
-110

Rec'd	Dec. 1/50
File No.	
Ang.	
Referred	J. G. Shears

Attention: Mr. F.G. Shears,  
Director.

OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN,  
Department of the Secretary of State,  
506 Royal Bank Building,  
VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Tsuneo OBARA, Case No. 324.

We refer to your letter of November 28th re. Case 479 and beg to say that on October 11th, we received your settlement cheque for \$76.50 and our commission cheque of \$13.50 and both cheques have been sent out.

We shall be glad if you will kindly confirm this from your records.

Yours truly,

VIRTUE RUSSELL & MORGAN,

Per



AGV/mk



December 2, 1950.

Messrs. Virtue, Russell & Morgan,  
Barristers & Solicitors,  
McFarland Bldg.,  
Lethbridge, Alta.

Attention. A.G. Virtue, Esq. K.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Tsuneo OBARA - Case 324  
Your No. 3212-165-110

In reply to your letter of November 30th, our records are in agreement with yours in regard to the cheques being sent to you in the amounts of \$76.50 and \$13.50, covering the award and legal fees in the above case.

Yours very truly,

F.G. Shears,  
Director.

/GN



15175

September 22, 1943.

Mr. Tsuneo OBARA,  
Reg. No. 07373,  
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Will you please fill up, sign and return to us two copies of the enclosed form as soon as possible. We have your wife's registration forms in which she declared "personal property" but we require a declaration from yourself as well.

If you have no property of any kind remaining in the Protected Area, except that already registered by your wife, please write the words "No property remaining in the Protected Area" on the forms, sign them and return two copies to us.

We enclose a stamped and addressed envelope for your reply.

Yours truly,

D. M. Choate,  
Administration Department.

DMC/HMS  
Encs.



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September 22, 1943.

Mr. Tsuneo OHARA,  
Reg. No. 07373,  
New Denver, B. C.

Sir:

DMC:VCD  
Form Letter 51

P.S. If you have no property remaining in the protected  
area, please state this fact on the forms.



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February 28th, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Tsunee OBARA,  
Reg. No. 07373 & 06113,  
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madam:

The two following claims have been lodged against you in this office:-

1. Cumberland Electric Lighting Co. Ltd...	\$11.92	
" & Union Waterworks Co. Ltd...	<u>16.44</u>	\$28.36
Searle's Shoes.....		<u>14.40</u>
		\$42.76

Please advise us by return if these claims are still unpaid. If so, we would ask you to send us a letter signed by Mrs. OBARA authorizing us to settle these two claims with the funds which Mrs. OBARA has with the Custodian at this time, namely, \$86.23.

Mrs. OBARA mentioned on her "JP" form that she owed approximately \$80.00 to Komura Bros. and also approximately \$100.00 to T. IWASA. However, as no claim has been lodged by either of these parties we presume they have been settled and are taking no further action in connection with them.

Please reply to this letter at your earliest convenience.

Yours truly,

  
AME:ND

A. McAllister,  
Claims Department.



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April 18th, 1945.

Mr. and Mrs. Tsuneo OHARA,  
Reg. No. 07373 and 06113,  
New Denver, B. C.

Dear Sir and Madam:

We wrote to you on the 28th of February, 1945, in connection with two claims lodged against you. We have not yet had your reply to that letter and we now request you to give this matter your immediate attention. We do not wish to trouble the British Columbia Security Commission in this matter.

Yours truly,

~~AMcA~~ND

A. McAlister,  
Claims Department.



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May 17th, 1945.

The B. C. Security Commission,  
The Dick Building,  
360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sirs:-

Re: Mr. and Mrs. Tsuneo OBARA  
Reg. Nos. 07373, 06113

In answer to yours of May 10th, we cannot trace receiving any letter from you about Mr. Tsuneo Obara. As, however, your letter was doubtless a request for particulars of his assets, we are appending the following information.

We have no assets registered in the name of the husband and most of the wife's belongings were shipped to her after evacuation. We have to her credit a total of \$86.23 consisting of \$40.00 rents collected on her house in Cumberland, \$40.00 allowed by the Canadian Collieries when they took over this property (it was built on their land) and \$6.23 from sale of coal and a kitchen range.

Against these assets we have claims in the husband's name of \$42.76 in all and in the wife's of \$180.00 as declared by her but not lodged by the creditors she mentioned. Perhaps if you are corresponding with your Supervisor you would ask this couple to answer our letter of February 28th requesting them to confirm the two claims totaling \$42.76 lodged against the husband and suggesting that they be paid from the wife's credit balance.

Yours truly,

H. F. Green  
Protection Department

HFG:IF



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June 28th, 1945.

Attention Mr. E. L. Brown.

R. C. Security Commission,  
Dick Building,  
360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B. C..

Dear Sir:

Re: TOSUO OBARA - Reg. No. 97373.

In reply to your query on the subject, please note that the house referred to in your letter of the 14th April was on Colliery land and was claimed and taken over by Canadian Collieries, who made an ex gratia payment of \$40.00, estimated salvage value, to them.

This file carries no evidence of any assets and there is no ledger account in this name.

Yours very truly,

R. G. Bell,  
Administration Department.

RGB/P.



B.L. #1,  
Humboldt, Cal.  
April 20, 1906.

Mr. Matt Brown,  
Humboldt, Cal.  
Dear Sir:

My father, Mr. James Chasen,  
formerly of Humboldt, Cal. and now residing  
in Seattle, Wash., Cal. has asked me to  
inquire about the goods and property left by  
him in Humboldt in the hands of the Custodian  
of Japanese properties.

My father has written to the Custodian  
about the above matter many times, but has  
not yet had any reply.

Please give me a full account of where  
he stands as far as the goods are all concerned.

If not, please state the reasons  
for not giving the above account of household  
belongings.

Please give me an answer at your  
very earliest.

Yours truly,  
Mr. John Aoki.



P. O. Box 431,  
Cumberland, B. C.  
May 13th, 1946.

Mrs. T. Oaki,  
R. R. #1,  
Summerland, B. C.

*Copy to  
for*

*Real*

Dear Madam:-

In reply to your letter of April 20th, 1946.  
As all the property and effects left in this district  
have been cleaned up, You will have to write direct  
to Office of the Custodian, 506 Royal Bank Bldg.,  
Vancouver, B. C. for a detailed statement, as all  
the records are kept there.

Hoping this is the information you want, regarding  
your father Mr. T. O'Bara File #6488.

Yours truly

Matt Brown.  
Custodian Agent.



Tashme, B. C.,  
January 31, 1946.

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	FEB 4 1946
File No.	15175
Ans.	
Referred	Bill

Dear Sir:

With reference to my letter of January 11, 1946, re: chattels left by me at House 106, #5 Japanese Camp, Cumberland, B. C., I have found the list of the goods recorded at time of evacuation in April, 1942.

	Items	Valuation
1	House	1750.00
1	bx Kitchen Utensils	20.00
1	" Stove	35.00
1	" Cabinet	20.00
1	Small Heater (Complete)	15.00
1	Bedroom Dresser	15.00
1	Linoleum (old)	5.00
	Garden Tools	50.00
2	Beds (In good condition)	40.00
	Fuel	20.00
	Lumber	20.00
	Bamboo Baskets	5.00
	Japanese Musical Instruments	10.00
8	Large Tins	10.00
	Window rods, Curtains & Blinds	10.00
	Frames for table book ends	20.00
		<hr/>
		\$2045.00

I will appreciate if you will kindly inform me of the whereabouts of the above goods. If sold, will you send me a statement with regards to the sale of the house and goods.

Yours truly,

.....  
Tsuneo Obara

Reg. No. 07375

Wife: 6488



R.C. #1.

Sumnerland, Bl.

June 15, 1946.

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

EVACUATION SECTION	
Rec'd	JUN 15 1946
File No.	6494
Ans.	
Referred	B.L.H.

Dear Sirs;

My father, Mr. Tsuneko Obara Reg.  
# 7373 formerly of Cumberland, Vancouver Island B.C.  
and now residing at P.O. Box 238, Raymond,  
Alberta, has asked me to inquire into the  
household property and effects left in Cumberland  
under the Custodian's care. File # 6488.

Since the Japanese (Custodian) Evacuation,  
my father has written many times to Custodian  
regarding the property matters but received  
no definite reply. I finally received an  
enclosed letter from Mr. Matt Brown, Custodian  
Agent of Cumberland, B.C. and from it I gather  
all my father's property is registered with you and.

Please write to me regarding the matter  
of household property, and what has been done  
and it is most welcome to know very gratefully.

Yours Truly,  
Mrs. N. Ooki.  
(Toshiko Obara)



6488 & 15175.

September 23rd, 1946.

The Department of Labour,  
Japanese Division,  
Dick Building,  
360 Homer Street,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sirs:

Re: Tsunoo OBARA, #07373.  
Shiran (Mrs. T.) OBARA, #06113.

This is to advise you that we have today remitted  
to the above Japanese our cheque for \$ 43.47.

There remains to his credit on our books at the  
present time the sum of ..... \$ Nil.

All assets under our control belonging to the above  
named

Have been disposed of ..... Yes.

Have not been disposed of ..... —

Yours truly,

R. G. Bell,  
Administration Department.

RGE/P.



Name of Claimant **SHARA, Teunee**Case **324**Custodian File **15175**

<u>REAL PROPERTY</u>										Total
Greater Vancouver		Rural (except V.L.A.)			V.L.A. (except Mission Village)		V.L.A. Mission Village			
Sale Price	5% thereof & 12.50	Sale Price	10% thereof	Charges 12.50 & Comm.	Sale Price	Total Award 80% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total	Sale Price	Total Award 125% of all Sale Prices % of Amount Total		
<u>PERSONAL PROPERTY</u>										
Motor Vehicles		Boats and Boat Gear								
Sale Price	25% thereof	Sale Price	Nelson Bros. 23.5% of Sale Price	Other Sales 28.5% of Sale Price	Equipment charges paid to purchasers in error. Repay to owners	Amount of Claims for Boat Gear Declared & Not Found & Recorded Now Missing	45% of amount in next preceding column			
<u>NETS</u>										
Total award for Nets plus Sale Price		Total Claim for Nets Sold, Declared Not Found and Recorded Now Missing			Percentage Total Award to Total Claim		Claim for Nets Sold Declared Not Found, & Recorded Now Missing		Apply % ratio to Claim	Deduct Custodian Sale Price
<u>MISCELLANEOUS CHATTELS</u>										
Claim for goods Sold By Auction	Sale Price of Goods Sold By Auction	Rebates of charges 30% of Sale Price	Ratio in % of Sale Price to Claim	Claim for goods Declared Not Found, Recorded Now Missing, & Sold Not Paid	Application of % ratio to amount in next preceding column	Sale Price of goods Sold by Tender	12% of Sale Price			
			48%	195.00	89.70	2.90		.30	90.00	
TOTAL RECOMMENDATION										90.00



Form C  
Form G

DEFENCE BRIEF

Grand Forks, B.C.  
June 7, 1948.

Tsuneco OBARA

File No. 15175

Case No. 324

Amendments: Transcript p. 2, line 22; p. 5, line 2 and line 18: -  
the sum of \$260.00 should be \$250.00. There is a  
mistake in addition in the claimant's statement,  
Exhibit No. 2. Thus, in the Transcript p. 2, line 24;  
the sum of \$252.50 should be \$242.50.

REAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

1. Real Property Claim

Sale Price

(Buildings)

\$40.00

\$1500.00

*Even in claim*

Ref. Trans. p. 6, line 10:- These buildings  
were erected on the property of Dunsmuir  
Collieries, that the claimant was paying  
or was supposed to pay a ground rent,  
that he had no title whatever to those  
lands and therefore, when he was evac-  
uated he forfeited any interest in the  
buildings which were on those lands.  
The Custodian was able to induce the  
Dunsmuir Collieries to make an ex-gratia  
payment of \$40.00 which was turned over  
to the claimant, but the Custodian  
recognizes no responsibility and submits  
that the matter does not come within the  
Terms of Reference. Exhibit No. 1,  
Claimant's Statement.

PERSONAL PROPERTY CLAIM

(All claims shown are Gross)

2. Chattels Claim

Sale Price

\$250.00

(a) Goods valued by claimant  
at \$35.00 (stove)

Auction \$5.00

Witnesses: 1. Matt Brown - to prove  
sale by auction.

(b) Goods valued by claimant  
at \$20.00 (slack coal)

Tender \$2.50

Witnesses: 1. Matt Brown - to prove  
sale by tender. Letter  
dated Jan. 23/43. 'A lot  
of old slack coal picked  
up from the rock dump and  
of very poor quality.  
There was not much more  
than 1 ton and not 3 tons.'  
To be filed.



(c) Goods valued by claimant  
at \$85.00

No Account, Theft.  
Possibly no value.

Witness: 1. Matt Brown - to prove letter  
dated Jan. 23/43. (As in 2 (b)).  
'This house has been broken  
into and effects scattered  
about the house. Some articles  
were missing.'

Ref. (1) Trans. p. 8, line 10. In his J.P. Form,  
dated Sept. 28/43, Exhibit No. 4, the  
claimant did not declare any personal  
property and definitely states "No Personal  
Property Remaining in the Protected Area."  
However, his wife, Shirau OBARA, in her  
J.P. Form, dated April 28, 1942, declared  
personal property for which the claimant  
now claims. There is no record in this  
office of any claim having been filed by  
the claimant's wife. The wife's J.P. Form  
and two (2) copies are now in the Claim File.  
To be filed.

Witness: 1. F. G. Shears - to prove  
wife's J.P. Form dated  
April 28, 1942.  
To be filed.

(d) Goods valued by claimant  
at \$110.00

Shipped

*Claimant states goods claimed  
for do not include any of  
goods shipped - as indicated  
to prove contrary - this will  
have to be declared not found.  
N.B. - declared by wife*

Witnesses: 1. James N. Rose to prove  
'Release Form', dated  
the 12th of June, 1942.  
Exhibit No. 5.

Summary of Defence Witnesses	Where Required	Summary of Documents to be filed	Witness Proving Same
Matt Brown	2 (a), (b), (c)	Letter dated Jan. 23, 1943	
F. G. Shears	2 (c)	Wife's J.P. Form dated April 28, 1942.	
James N. Rose	2 (d)		

HAC/mw



IN THE MATTER OF THE "INQUIRIES ACT"  
PART 1. REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA 1927. CHAPTER 22

JAPANESE PROPERTY CLAIMS COMMISSION

B E F O R E  
(HIS HONOUR, JUDGE M.M. COLQUHOUN, SUB-COMMISSIONER)

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Grand Forks, B.C.  
June 7, 1948

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF  
TSUNEO OBARA

PROCEEDINGS AT HEARING

20 APPEARANCES:

HAROLD W. McINNES, Esq.,

appearing for the  
Dominion Government.

A.E. COBUS, Esq.,

appearing for the  
Claimant.

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L.A. DODD, Esq.,

Secretary to Grand  
Forks Sub-Commission

G.N.R. UPTON, Esq.,

Official Interpreter

G. HAMBLETON, Esq.,

Official Reporter

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MR. COBUS: The claim of Obara, Tsuneo. Mr. Secretary, I don't think you have a number for the Obara claim. This will be No. 324.

TSUNEO OBARA, the Claimant herein, being first duly sworn, testified through the official interpreter as follows:

10 MR. COBUS: I would ask leave, your honour, to amend the claim with respect to real estate which is under 4 (e) in the claim form. I might say that I am appearing on behalf of Mr. Virtue who was counsel originally in the Lethbridge claim, and this has been transferred to this hearing.

The amendment: Land, we are reducing our claim for the building since it is actually a claim for buildings only, to \$1500.00, and we are crediting the Custodian with \$40.00 for the building, leaving a claim for buildings, \$1460.00. For

20 chattels under 5 (d), we have prepared a new list which forms part of the statement to be filed later, and the amount claimed for chattels becomes \$260.00 in all, and we are crediting the Custodian with \$7.50, leaving a claim for chattels of \$252.50.

THE COMMISSIONER: Amendment allowed.

DIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. COBUS:

Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the building for which you are making a claim

30 herein. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare



that statement for you and is that your signature?  
A: Yes.

Q: Are the statements contained therein true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I would ask to file the building statement as an exhibit.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 1)

10 MR. COBUS: The building for which the claim is made, your honour, was a house known as House No. 106 at No. 5 Japanese Town, and the building was erected on the Canadian Colliery land, Cumberland, British Columbia. It was a one storey dwelling containing four large rooms with what are described as "outside conveniences." It was of frame construction with a shingled roof. There was no basement. The flooring was of fir. The interior was finished with shiplap, papered.

20 He built the old house about 1928 and then, in the fall of 1941, he built the new addition which he describes under "Improvements," as No. 2. He erected the addition in 1941. This was finished except that he had intended later to put in a cement foundation and cellar. That addition, he says, cost him \$1450.00. The older house was built in 1928 and it was on the land when he purchased it about 1935 for \$250.00. He says it was purchased during the depression when everybody was hard up and \$250.00 represented just a

30 nominal figure for the house which was worth



T. Obara  
In Chief

much more under normal conditions. He values the buildings at \$1500.00 and comments that the older house was in quite good condition when he was evacuated and the addition was newly built.

10 He was employed by the Colliery for about 22 years until Japanese labour was barred from the mines. At that time he had to go on relief and was unable to pay the ground rent. The company never asked for payment of this rent and allowed him to remain in occupation. The addition, he says again, was built in 1941 from the earnings and savings of his daughter and sons, and the family continued in occupation of the building until they were evacuated. The company raised no objection to the erection of the addition and he, the claimant, received \$40.00 for the house from the Custodian. He thinks it would be worth at least \$1500.00 when taken over by the Custodian.

20 Q: Witness, I produce to you a statement concerning the chattels for which you are claiming. Did you instruct Mr. Leckie to prepare that statement and is that your signature? A: Yes.

Q: Are the statements contained therein true to the best of your knowledge and recollection?

A: Yes.

MR. COBUS: I ask leave to file the statement concerning chattels as the next exhibit, your honour.

(STATEMENT MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 2)

30 MR. McINNES: Your honour, I am not quite clear on



this personal property claim. My friend asked leave to amend it. They claim \$260.00 giving the Custodian credit for \$7.50.

MR. COBUS: Yes, I was just going to explain the discrepancy between the statement.

MR. McINNES: All right, I see.

10 MR. COBUS: The witness in his statement concerning chattels speaks about a bed, for which he is claiming, and, on closer examination, I found that no bed was to be found in the list as given above. So he has instructed me to add one bed as a last item, and that has been done on the original statement which is now on file, and is not on your copy as yet, Mr. McInnes. But the information is that it is one bed purchased in 1940 new at a cost of \$55.00, the condition is described as good, and he is claiming \$40.00, so that makes it \$260.00.

MR. McINNES: Thank you.

20 MR. COBUS: In respect of the bed, the witness says that the one he is claiming for is not the one that was shipped to him by the Custodian, and he says he did not receive any garden tools which he is informed the Custodian alleges were shipped to him. He says -- and I am reading directly from the statement, your honour -- "The fact is, no garden tools were received. None of the articles for which I am claiming were received from the Custodian." Then he comments on the coal which  
30 he says was left either in the building or near



it. He denies that it was slack as it is described by the Custodian on the Analysis sheet.

If my learned friend would produce the Analysis of Personal Property claim.

(Handed to Mr. Cobus)

MR. COBUS: I file the Analysis of Personal Property claim on behalf of the Crown.

(ANALYSIS MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 3)

MR. COBUS: Your witness.

10 MR. McINNES: It will be submitted, your honour, with reference to the buildings, that these buildings were erected on the property of the Dunsmuir Collieries, that the claimant was paying, or was supposed to pay a ground rent, that he had no title whatever to those lands and therefore, when he was evacuated, he forfeited any interest in the buildings which were on those lands. The Custodian was able to induce the Dunsmuir Collieries to make an ex-gratia payment of \$40.00 which was  
20 turned over to the claimant, but the Custodian recognizes no responsibility and submits that the matter does not come within the Terms of Reference.

As to the real property, or personal property, such of the goods as came into the possession of the Custodian and were of any value or saleable were sold for their fair market value. Those which were valueless were abandoned and, further, other goods were shipped as applied for to the  
30 claimant.



CROSS EXAMINATION BY MR. McINNIS:

Q: You made a J.P. declaration? A: That is my signature.

Q: And that is dated the 28 of September, 1943?

A: Yes.

Q: And witnessed by Yasuto Oda? A: Yes.

Q: Who is Yasuto Oda? A: That is a friend of mine.

10 MR. McINNIS: I would ask to file that as an exhibit, please.

(J.P. FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 4)

Q: Now, under the heading "Real Property," you show these buildings for which you are claiming.

A: Yes.

Q: Under "Statement of Personal Property Owned," you show nothing, is that right? Well, look at it, witness; do you see any writing there?

A: No, there isn't any.

20 Q: Now, look at the bottom of the first page and you see the words there "No Property remaining in the protected area."

THE INTERPRETER: I have explained that to him. I have explained to him that down here there is written "No property remaining in the protected area."

MR. McINNIS: Yes.

30 Q: I produce another document to you, which is apparently a request for a release of certain goods from the protected area and it appears to bear your signature. A: I signed this.



Q: That is your signature? At: Yes.

MR. McINNES: I ask to file a form which is a request to the Custodian to release certain chattels from the protected area and ship them to the claimant. It is dated the 12th day of June, 1942.

(FORM MARKED EXHIBIT NO. 5)

MR. McINNES: That is all, thank you.

MR. COBUS: I would like to call attention, your honour, to the Analysis of Personal Property Claim. In the first column the Custodian shows no chattels declared under the date of the 29th of the 9th month, 1942. The date of evacuation is given as 15/3/42. But immediately below that there is the notation that certain items were declared by the wife of this man on April 28, 1942.

THE COMMISSIONER: Yes, I see that.

MR. COBUS: My learned friend advises me there is not another J.P. form in the file, but I think that speaks for itself, your honour.

20 No questions.

THE COMMISSIONER: That is all, thank you.

(Witness aside)

(PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED SINE DIE)

Certified correct and true transcript.

*Gordon Hambleton*  
G. Hambleton  
Official Reporter

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

M.M. Colquhoun  
Sub-Commissioner