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A.P. Doroell, Prop. DOWELL MACHINE WORKSLIMITED MANUFACTURERS OF LOGGING & SAW MILL MACHINERY GENERAL MACHINE WORK **CUT GEAR & SPROCKETS ELECTRIC & ACETYLENE WELDING** MISSION CITY. B. C. 20th Feb. 1942. G.W.McPherson, Esq., Enemy Property Custodian. 1404 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver. Dear Sir: The Riversyde Lumber Company, Limited, of this town is mostly a Jap affair and it was organized and floated by me last May. Two Jap nationals (K.I. Shikaze and K. Kamimura) own most of the Jap shares. Powell Machine Works and myself and a few others hold about \$2050 in share stock. Up to a week ago I was Sec. Manager of the company. There is some very underhanded work going on now whereby it seems that a man named Pottruff and one named P. Bain are trying to get the mill in this town belonging to the shareholders of Piversyde Lumber Co. K. I. Shikase is a national aged 44; Ramimura is much older. They are both exceedingly slippery in their dealings as you may guess that I have found out lately. This slipperiness extends to the point where they have been for years defrauding both the Federal government and the B.C. government. Shikase was in Japan this time last year. Only this week I have been instrumental in helping the Income Tax dept. (Federal) to collect Kamimura's tax FOR 1939!! Both Kamimura and, Shikaze right now are defrauding the Workmen's Compensation Board. What I want to know is, can you help us to protect our white share holdings, not alone from the Japs themselves but from the sharks who travel with them? Yours truly (H.Pick, Sec/Preas. Powell Machine Wks Ltd).

1404 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouvar, B. C., February 21, 1942. Powell Machine Works Limited, Mission City, B. C. Bear Birs: Re: Riversyde Lumber Company Ltd. I have your letter of February 20th. Unless information can be obtained to prove that the above compeny is owned by persons, regardless of nationality, who reside in Japan or Japanese controlled territory, or who have been interned, the Custodian cannot interfere in this matter. The questions raised by you would appear to be a matter for the police rather than this office, I regret that I am unable to assist you in this matter. Yours truly, (G. W.MePherson) Authorised Deputy of the Secretary of State and/or Quatodian. OMMICP/FC.

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12th March, 1942.

G.W.McPherson, Esq., Vancouver.

Dear Sir:

K. Kamimura; K.I.Shikaze

Piversyde Lumber Company, Limited

Judging from an advt. in the newspapers yesterday it seems that your power to control enemy alien property is being extended.

I wrote you regarding above persons on 20th Feb. These two Jap aliens are being pressed to let loose of their equity in Piversyde Company by two or three sharks of the worst type. The company was floated by me and until lately was managed by me. It is in a very involved state, and there is over \$2000 of "white" money in it.

I want to make absolutely certain that before any sharks get the Jap equity, if they ever do, you will ask me to let you know which government departments should first be satisfied. For instance, the 1941 income tax would pretty well clean up Ramimura's Riversyde equity. I mean his personal income tax, no connection at all with his holdings in Piversyde. He has another mill, also a shingle mill, and did very well last year.

The white shareholders think that they will get more protection through you than through the birds who are currently trying to squeeze the Japs.

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396 1404 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B. C. 13th March, 1942. The Powell Machine Works, Mission City, B. C. Dear Sirst I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. with reference to the Riversyde Lumber Company Limited, K. Kamimura and K. I. Shikaze, and have carefully noted your remarks. In reply I would advise that Japanese owning property are advised by the Custodian that it will be to their benefit not to dispose of their property before registering it with the Custodian. Furthermore, any person purchasing Japanese property does so at his own risk and will be required to account to the Custodian in due course. I would suggest, therefore, that you advise the above mentioned Japanese not to dispose of their equity in the Riversyde Lumber Company Limited for the time being. Yours truly, For G. W. McPherson Authorized Deputy of the Secretary of State and/or Custodian HPG: LF



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White shareholders as follows:

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23rd Moh., 1942.

G.W.McPherson, Esq., Enemy Property Custodian, Vancouver.

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Dear Sir:

K. Kamimura; K. I. Shikase;

Riversyde Lumber Co. Limited

Confirming conversation by 'phone this morning, Ramimura and Shikaze are thinking of selling either the mill (through their majority share control) or their shares to Mr. Maranjan Singh. Probably you can not do much about this within your jurisdiction.

However, Kamimura made over \$10,000 in other ways during 1941 and this justifies a tax in all of over \$3,500.00. If Kamimura gets hold of Singh's money the Federal government will be out the tax payment. But if you and the Income Tax dept. decide otherwise, well, \$3,500 is a lot of money.

I rang up Mr. Dobson of the Income Tax dept. just after talking to you but he was awfully busy and held out no hope of doing much.

As far as I can see now, the Japs can sell out the mill, leave the white shareholders high and dry and besides do the government out of \$3,500.00.

On behalf of the white shareholders I sincerely trust you will assist the thing to a more decent conclusion.

Yours truly

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25th March, 1942.

G.W.McPherson, Esq., Enemy Property Gustodian, Vancouver.

Dear Sir:

K. Kamimura; K. I. Shikaze;

Riversyde Lumber Co. Ltd.

At a meeting of shareholders of Riversyde Co. yesterday it was practically decided to sell Riversyde mill to Mr. Naranjan Singh and associates for \$16,238.00 (assumption of mortgage \$6238; \$5000 cash; \$5000 in 5 years) and the Hindu has till Friday to come through.

The company owes considerable debt and has some liquid assets. When the debts are paid the \$5000 cash payment will almost vanish, if for no other reason than the following: THE 3 MEN WHO ARE HANDLING ALL THE MONEY and THE BOOKS and THE FIXED ASSETS and THE STOCK OF LUMBER and the disbursing and collecting and administering have not a single cent invested in Riversyde, while we white shareholders, myself a director, do not even know what is going on. There is no doubt in the world that the time payments will be juggled down to nothing as they are paid. The 3 men referred to are, Peter Bain, Hamilton Read and W.H.Pottruff, the mortgagee. You have only to enquire in certain circles to find out what will happen to Riversyde assets through these men. They are they who originally wormed a lease of the mill out of the Japs when it was learned that the Japs were to be evacuated. Something, I don't know what, stopped that action.

The foregoing in conjunction with what you already know regarding Kamimura's alleged (by me) relations with Income Tax department is a matter for your esteemed consideration.

Yours truly.

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470 GRANVILLE STREET.
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ESth March, 1942.

The Deputy of the Secretary of State and Custodian,
501 Royal Bank Building,
Vancouver,
B. C.

Sir:-

re: Riversyde Lumber Company Lighted, K. Kemimura, K. I. Shikaze and other Japanese

you as follows:-

advice, to acquire the lumber mill and business of K. Komimura end K. I. Shikaze in April 1841. Transfers completed to Company. The Directors were and are K. I. Shikaze, K. Kamimura, Harry Pick, K. Shikaze and Y. Shikaze.

2.- 12.550 shares of the Company paid or issued to K. Kamimura and K. I. Shikaze for assets and they nominated 15 persons to receive shares in payment of debts. (all falous)

Limited, one Hendrickson and one Joseph Sward, 1000 shares, 128 shares and 136 shares were allotted to them respectively. The bookseeper, darry Pick, received 500 shares in payment of mages and again received 127 shares for mages and further received 100 shares and again shares were issued to Fersuson for his debt.

issued by the Company. The shares have a par value of \$1.00 but actual value of shares about .50¢.

mortgaged the property to our client W. H. Pottruff to secure

5.- Negotiations took place for a Lease of the mill as Company not operating at a profit. These fell through.

The Deputy of the Pecretery of State and Custodian 2 6 .- Prairie Lumber Company Limited has made an offer to purchase the lands, buildings, machinery and equipment and we have advised acceptance of the offer. Purchase price is as follows:-(a) \$5000.00 cash. (b) Assumption and payment of the Mortgage owing to said Pottruff as in Mortgage mentioned. (c) Payment of \$5000.00 (subject to adjustments) by five equal annual instalments. 7. - The \$5000.00 cash payment is to be paid to us to pay the Accounts owing by the Company including taxes (Dominion and Provincial). The balance will be distributed amongst the shareholders. 8 .- Certain Accounts are payable to the Company and these will be collected. 9 .- The Japanese shareholders, as well as the white shareholders, receive their pro rata payment in respect of their shares. 10. - In our opinion it is desirable for the Company to sell on the following grounds:-(a) Inability of Company to carry on at a profit. (b) To protect the creditors. (c) To have purchasing Company assume the liability to Fottruff. In conclusion we are of opinion that Powell Machine Works Limited, by said Harry Pick, is attempting to wreck the Company now, as Pick has been dismissed as bookkeeper and waneger; the said Pick admitted this to the wriker at a meeting held a short time ago. We have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servents, HR/MP HAMILTON READ & PATRESON

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28th July, 1942.

Ref. File #396

G.W.McPherson, Esq., Custodian Enemy Proprty, Vancouver. Rec'd JUL 29 1942
File No.
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Refer-1.

Dear Sir:

Riversyde Lumber Co. Ltd. K.Kamimura and K.I.Shikaze.

Please refer to correspondence in this matter. At the end of your April 1st letter you state that you can take no action unless property is owned by enemies. "that is, by persons who reside in enemy controlled territory or who are interned."

A.I. Shikaze owns 6276 shares of Piversyde Company out of a total of 14614 and Kamimura owns 2201. Both are Jap nationals and Shikaze is interned at Angler Internment Camp "101" Ontario. I don't know about Eamimura. I have a complete list of shareholders with their holdings and many are Jap nationals and of course may be interned also.

Anyhow, the mill property was sold to Haranjan Singh who assumed mortgage and paid down \$5000 which was distributed to shareholders pro rata...after debts were paid and the solicitor Hamilton Pead of Vancouver had retained for costs \$640.69 and a further \$50 200 future costs. Singh has to pay another \$5500 in 6 months from date of purchase.

If Singh pays, then Read will present another big bill: if Singh defaults, Read will then have a better time than ever. Read is the only man in charge, the white shareholders know nothing.

The white shareholders would like to get your protection for the balance of their assets. You can hardly protect the Ottawa government against enemy aliens (who have defrauded our governments right along...see my letter Feb. 20th) without at the same time protecting us. Read will protect nobody but himself.

hands regardless of what the minority whites wished. This writer got in touch with the solicitor of the Workmen's Comp. Board, who ultimately a good many thousands of dollars that

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G.W.McPherson, Esq.,

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Kamimura had defrauded them of.

On behalf of the white shareholders I suggest that hr. Naranjan Singh should in future deal only with you, then our governments and we might stand a chance of getting a little last minute justice.

Yours faithful Work

(H.Pick, Director Piversyde Coy. and Sec. Treas. Powell Machine Wks. Ltd). HAMILTON READ & PATERSON HAMILTON READ E. L. PATERSON, M.A.

SOLICITORS

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VANCOUVER, B. C.

September 4, 1942

Edgar T. Read Esq.,

General Manager,

Department of the Secretary of State,

Office of the Custodian

Japanese Evacuation Section,

506 Royal Bank Building,

City.

Dear Sir:-

Re: Riversyde Lumber Company Limited Your file No. 396

We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date and beg to inform you as follows:-

- l. Maranjan Singh who agreed to purchase the land, mill and equipment from Riversyde Lumber Company Limited has until the 20th of October in which to pay an instalment of \$1,000.00 on the balance of the purchase price of \$5,000.00.
- 2. Maranjan Singh has not as yet exercised his option to pay \$4500.00 cash --without interest--in lieu of the payment of five yearly instalments of \$1,000 each. We do not know whether Naranjan Singh is going to exercise the option or not.
- 3. The current insurance --90% of \$16,000-is payable to W.H. Pottruff and Riversyde Lumber Company
 Limited and Maranjan Singh as their interests may appear.
 The interest of Pottruff is approximately \$6,000 and the
 interest of Riversyde Lumber Company Limited is \$5,000.
- 4. In reference to the insurance, we are informed that those persons in Toronto who are interested with Naranjan Singh-we believe their interest is fifty per centhave requested further insurance and Lloyds has refused any increase. Application was then made by Naranjan Singh to J.T. O'Bryan of 510 Hastings Street West for insurance and Mr. Logan of that Company has seen us in reference to the matter. Mr. Logan stated that it was proposed to cancel the Lloyds insurance and the insurance effected through his Company with a Board Dompany. We informed him that it would be necessary to have the policy endorsed with the usual

Edgar T. Read Esq., Page 2. Sept. 4, 1942 memorandum as to loss payable to W.H. Pottruff and Riversyde Lumber Company Limited as their interest may appear. Messrs. Reed Phipps & Davies Limited has promised us to notify us immediately the cancellation of the insurance takes place. In reference to this Lloyds insurance, there is a balance of \$620.00 and over, being the balance of the premium but Mr. Logan stated that on cancellation there would be very little money, if any, owing in respect of the premium. We are watching this and propose to insist upon payment of whatever sum is owing in respect of the balance of the premiums. We think we have informed you fully as to how matters stand with Riversyde Lumber Company Limited. With regard to the claim of the Workmen's Compensation Board, we believe whatever amount was owing has been paid but in any event we will attend to this matter. With regard to K. Kamimura, we belie e his Christian name to be 'Kahai' and his real name is Kahei Shikaze. K. Kamimura is a brother of Kahel Shikaze. We were informed some time ago that his name was changed from Shikaze to Kamimure in accordance with the custom of the Japanese Empire as when Mrs. Kamimura did not have a child he then had to change his name to the maiden name of his wife which was Kamimura. This of course makes no difference and Kahei Kamimura has always been known as K. Kamimura for many years past. If there is any further information we can supply you with, we shall be pleased to do so. Yours truly HAMILTON READ & PATERSON A audil Solar HR/GAP

TELEPHONE: MARINE 8940 HAMILTON READ & PATERSON File No. E. L. PATERSON, M.A. HAMILTON READ Ans. BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS Referred 470 GRANVILLE STREET. VANCOUVER. B. C. September 18, 1942 Edgar T. Read Esq., Custodian's Office, Royal Bank Building, City. Dear Sir: Re: Riversyde Lumber Company Ltd. Your file No. 396-(I.N.T.) We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of yesterday's date enclosing letter of the 12th ultimo from the Superintendent of Excise Tax Collections to Mr. R.P. Alexander, Department of the Secretary of State, Japanese Evacuation Section, Vancouver B. C. We have written to the Superintendent of Excise Tax Collections at Ottawa and enclose herewith copy of our letter to him. Yours truly HAMILTON EAD & PATERSON Aquienteas HR/GAP encl. copy

September 18, 1942

The Superintendent, Excise Tax Collections, Department of National Revenue, OTTAWA - Ont.

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Res Riversyde Lumber Co. Ltd. -

We have today received a letter of yesterday's date from the Gustodian's Orfice of this City enclosing copy of letter of the 12th ultimo written by Mr. Wm. B. Stewart Daperintendent Excise Tax Collections to Mr. R.P. Alexander, Japanese Evacuation Section, Vancouver B.C. with the request that we communicate with you in connection with the matter.

The facts are:

A. We Were in April 1942, Solicitors for Riversyde Lumber Company Limited and now are.

A large majority of the shareholders of said Company were Japanese. The Company was formed for the purpose of taking over the mill property and all assets which were formerly the property of K. Kamimura and K.I. Shikaze. All property was in the name of K. Kamimura.

The Company operated spasmodically up to April 1942. By 'spasmodically' we mean that the mill was operated for a few days and then shut down and again started up and again smut down until finally we advised that a sale should be made by the Company of its assets. A sale was made to one Maranjan Singh on behalf of himself and two capitalists in Toronto. The agreement for sale was made in the name of Maranjam Singh. The purchase price was \$15,200.00 payable as follows:

(a) \$5,000 cash which was received by us as solicitors for the Company.

(b) The assumption by the Purchaser Naranjan Singh of a mortgage for \$6,200.00 owing to one William Henry Pottruff of Mission City B.C. (for whom we are acting).

the Suprintendent Excise Tax Collections Page 2. Sept. 18, 1942 Riversyde Lumber (c) Payment of \$5,000 (the balance of the purchase price) to be paid by five equal annual instalments of \$1,000 each with interest at six per cent. The agreement contained an option to Maranjan Singh to pay \$4500.00 without interest in Setober 1942, in full satisfaction of the said sum of \$5,000.00. In communicating with Mr. W.M. Gilchrist Solicitor of New Westminster B.C. in reference to Insurance (Mr. Gilchrist had acted for Naranjan Singh) it appeared that the mill was being operated by a Company known as Mission Sawmills Limited and on inquiring from Mr. Cilchrist as to this Company, he informed us that the Company had acquired all Navanjan Singhts interest in the property, mill machinery and equipment but no formal notice of such acquisition or assignment has been served upon us. We should inform you that we have taken the necessary steps to safeguard our old nite! interests in respect to insurance by having policies of insurance for amounts far in exce s of the respective moneys owing to our elients to be endorsed with the usual notice as to loss payable to our disents, and we believe that our clients are thereby protected in the event of a fire. With regard to the \$5,000 received by us, all liabilities then known were paid first and after such payment, the directors of the company past a reclution that the belance should be distributed pro rate amongst the Shareholders and this was done. At the time of such payment, the directors had no knowledge of any moneys payable for sales tax or otherwise the moneys would have been retained and paid over. Now with regard to the money buing for sales tax, we suggest with respect, that the matter of payment should be left until next month, when it is more than likely that Maranjan Singh or Mission Sawmilly Limited will pay the said sum of \$4500.00 and if so paid, then the sales tax can be immediately paid. We may add that the amount payable will be paid to us. If there is any further information you d sire, we shall of course be plea ed to supply you with same. We have the honor to be, Your obedient Servants HAMILTON READ & PATRISON HR/GAP Per

TELEPHONE: MA NIKE BOAD 9/2 CODES A B C MORENO & NEAL WESTERN UNION HAMILTON READ & PATERSON SOLICITORS OFFICE OF THE CUSTOMAN Au gu 182 1011-1014 ROGERS BUILDING 470 GRANVILLE STREET. VANCOUVER, B. C. November 3 1942 he Custodian of Enemy Property Japanese Evacuation Section 675 Hastings Street West VANCOUVER B.C. Dear Sir: Re: Riversyde Lumber Company Limited We are solicitors of the Company. The directors of the company consist of five Japanese and Mr. Harry Pick of Mission City. Prior to the removal of the Japanese from the coast, the shareholders of the company agreed to and authorized the directors to enter into an agreement for sale of the company's mill machinery and equipment situate at Mission City to one Naranjan Singh of that place. He subsequently transferred the agreement and this, Naranjan Singh's interest therein to Mission Sawmills Limited. The Japanese hold amongst themselves some 80% of the shares of the company, (Riversyde Lumber Company Limited.) It is now necessary to hold the annual meeting of he company and for the shareholders at such meeting to appoint the directors and other officers of the company. Would you be good enough to inform me whether you have laid down any rules and regulations in reference to shares in companies held by Japanese and as to whether the Japanese are permitted to vote any shares held by them. So far as we are aware, all the debts of the said company have been paid with the exception of the Dominion Sales Tax but this tax was not known at the time the other accounts were paid. There is a sum of \$5,000 and interest payable by instalments to the company and out of same it is proposed to pay the sales tax and there will then be a balance of over \$4500.00 to be distributed amongst the white and Japanese shareholders. We shall be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Yours truly HAMILTON READ & PATERSON Mamil Meas HR/GAP

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Internment Camp #101, Base Post Office, Ottawa, November 16, 1942.

File No.

Ans. ...

Hamilton Read, Esq., 1011 Rogers Bldg., Vancouver, B. C.

Sir:

Re: Riverside Lbr. Co., Ltd.

I have received your letter of 3rd. inst on Nov. 10th, and I would like to state that I will leave the matter to you, therefore wishing your best co-operation in the matter.

Your letter of 6th inst. reached to-day, and in conection with the payment of \$4500.00 from Naranjan Singh together with an interest, I would like to state that although the date of the payment has been past as mentioned in your letter, I will accept the offer of Naranjan Singh, and make full settlement of the deal.

About my share of the proceeds should go to the Custodian, I believe, therefore, I wish you will handle it accordingly, then let me know the disposition.

Thanking you in advance for your kind attention.

Yours fai thfully

Kaichi I. SHIKAZE, #144.

912 Royal Bank Bldg., Vancouver, B. C. 396 17th Rovember, 1942. Messrs. Hamilton, Pead & Paterson, Barristers & Solicitors, 1011 - 1014 Pogers Bldg., VANCOUVER, B. C. Dear Sire: Re: Riversyde Lumber Company Limited. Your communication of the 3rd instant has been referred to this Department. Will you be kind enough to let us have a list of the shareholders and their respective holdings. Some of the shareholders may be evacuated, but in looking through the file we note that Kaichi SHIKAZE has been interned. Under these circumstances his interest will come within the provisions of the Consolid ted Pegulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy, 1939. A copy of the Regulations is herewith enclosed for your guidance. We would appreciate receiving a reply in duplicate in order that a copy may be placed on the Internee's file and the original on the Company's file. Yours truly, A.W. WRIGHT, KWW/mf For Authorized Beputy of the Secretary Inc. of State and/or Custodian.

November 21st, 1942. DEMORANDUS MR. R.P. ALEXANDER FROM: MR. K.W. WRIGHT Re: Riversyde Lumber Co.Ltd. Messrs. Hemilton, Read & Paterson have forwarded us a list of the share-holders of the above named company. The first two named on the list are internees. Will you be kind enough to check the remainder of the list and make the necessary note on file, in connection with the evacuees' holdings in the company. We would like to have information as to the evacuees' names and their addresses and will list as enemy all names that do not appear on the internee and evacuee lists. KWW: HW.

26th Movember, 1972. Res Riversyde Lumber Co. Ltd. Thank you for your nemorandum regarding the Rivereyde Lumber Co. Ltd. which you will find attached. Generally speaking, as shared do not west is the Custodien our Japanese evacuese did not declare emergaly Hould you please obtain from Besero, Bantition Boat & Poberson the full bases of the shareholders and, at the same time, against each made indicate the address of these chareholders as shown on the share registers. Without either such full mases or previous registered addresses the Fracustics Section cannot with any degree of containty identify rela-tive individuals. For example, we have any master of Ayukuwas, Shikates and Kitagawas. On boaring from you further in this commentate we shall be very happy to belp you. ITO COMESCO TRUE SERVICE CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR YOUR LINE CAR possibly assider monitor non intermees, they are not associated

TELEPHONE: MA NINE 8840 HAMILTON READ & PATERSON HAMILTON READ E. L. PATERSON, M.A. Peterred BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS 1011-1014 ROGERS BUILDING 470 GRANVILLE STREET. VANOOUVER, B. C. CANADA November 30th 1942 The Authorized Deputy, Secretary of State. Royal Bank Building VANCOUVER B.C. Sir: ATTENTION MR. K.W. WRIGHT RE: RIVERSYDE LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED YOUR FILE NO. 396 - Legal Department We have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th instant and in reply inform you as follows: We do not know the Christian names of the respective Japanese and apparently such names were never furnished to the Secretary of the Company or to the directors. We can undoubtedly obtain this information from either Mr. G. Shikaze, Mr. Kudo or possibly from Mr. Kamimura. We are writing in the first instance to Mr. Kudo sending him a list of the shareholders and asking him to fill in their Christian names. In regard to the addressed, we understood at the time that they were all of Mission City but as to this we will also ask Mr. Kudo. ours truly HAMILTON READ & PATERSON HR/GAP

TREEPHONE: MARINE 884 HAMILTON READ & HAMILTON READ SOLICITORS 1011-1014 ROSERS BUILDING 470 GRANVILLE STREET. VANCOUVER, B. C. CANADA December 5th, 1942 (dictated 4th) The Custodian of Japanese Property. 506 Royal Bank Building VANCOUVER B.C. Dear Sir: Re: K. Kamimura formerly of Mission City B. C. We observe your advertisement in today's papers 'Notice re Japanese Propety' and we hasten to inform you as: follows: gatful 882 K. Kamimura and his brother K.I. Shikaze were the owners of the land mill and premises known as the Kamimura Mill situate at Mission City. K. Kamimura and K.I. Shikaze transferred the property to Riversyde Lumber Company Limited a company incor-

porated under the 'Companies Act' of this Province. The consideration passing was the issuance and allotment to K. Kamimura and K.I. Shikaze or their nominees of shares of the Company and the Company assuming and agreeing to pay the liabilities of K. Kamimura and K.I. Shikaze in reference to their operations. The property was duly transferred to the said company and the company operated spasmodically for a short time and the operations resulted in a loss and eventually the company sold its undertaking to one Naranjan Singh of Mission City B.C. who subsequently -- to complete the picture -- assigned to Mission Sawmills Limited, a body corporate incorporated by him. Mission Sawmills Limited is presently in possession. The transaction took the form of an agreement for sale as follows:

(1) A cash payment of \$5,000.00

(2) Assumption and agreement to pay by Naranjan Singh of the mortgage on the property amounting to approximately \$6,200.00,

(3) Agreement to pay the balance of \$5,000.00 with interest but with an option to pay \$4500.00 if paid within six months.

Upon the company issuing the shares, K. Kamimura and K.I. Shikaze gave a list of nominees and the shares were duly issued to K. Kamimura and K.I. Shikaze and their various nominees all of whom were Japanese. During the spasmodic operations of the Company certain shares were issued for cash to white shareholders. K. Kamimura and K.I. Shikaze own more than fifty per cent of the shares.

made an arbitrary assessment against Kamimura in order to equalize the casualty account and in this respect was successful. The amount exceeded the sum of \$6,000 and we thereupon paid the balance of the moneys in our hands to the credit of Kamimura to the Board pursuant to the agreement in that behalf entered into between the Board and ourselves. This left a balance of some \$5,000 which is presently payable to the Board with penalties for non-payment.

It is Mr. Bain's intention as director of Cannell Lake Operations Limited that the dividend for Kamimura which may be declared in respect of Riversyde Lumber Company Limited should be paid direct to the Workmen's Compensation Board.

We should further inform you that the Inspector of Income Tax claims that proper returns were not made for 1940 and 1941 by Kamimura and that his books are not satisfactory and from such books it is quite impossible to compute what income he did derive from his operations and accordingly the Inspector is requesting a further income tax return or returns and that if these are not satisfactory then an arbitrary assessment will be made thus putting the affairs of Kamimura in a more hopeless position than even. Frankly we do not see how from Kamimura's books, any proper return can be made and we say this advisedly in that apparently, although there are no records to prove this, Kamimura acquired assets which certainly did not come from profits. The inference, in our opinion, to be drawn by the aquisition of such assets is that he acquired such assets by non payment of wages or by borrowing back from his countrymen certain portions of their wages from time to time and this inference is strongly supported by the fact that when Riversyde Lumber Company was formed and shares issued and allotted, Kamimura was undoubtedly compelled to nominate a number of his countrymen as shareholders to be and further confirmation is given by the fact that the shareholders so nominated were the workmen of Kamimura prior to incorporation of the Company.

We believe that the foregoing is a correct statement of the facts and inferences which we draw.

We shall be pleased to hear from you what you wish us to do in reference to all matters as neither partner contemplates any offence under the Consolidated Regulations Respecting Trading with the Enemy (1939.).

Yours truly
HAMILTON READ & PATERSON
Per / ON 10 / 2000

HR/GAP

RIVERSYDE LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED

LIST OF SHAREHOLDERS AND SHARES

NAME .	NUMBER OF SHARES
MANE Marchill Mr. K. I. Shikaze	6,276
KANEI Mr. E. Kemimura .	2,201
KAYEMON Mr. K. Shikaze	500
Sakaye Mr. S. Natsugoye *	300
MASAO Mr. M Ayukawa 3-1 944	174
Mr. M Kudo Y	600
Mr. S. Ayukawa *	127
Enchi Mr. E. Kitagawa	€2
Mr. T. Karistsumari *	142
Jekurako Mr. T. Sakata *	. 162
Denji Mr. D. Kuraoka *	100
Almonor: Mr. H. Shikaze "	254
KAZUTEIH! Mr. K. Koyayashi "	192
M. Vesti Mr. M. Kariatsumari '	340
Veshie Mr. Y Shikaze *	550
Yathings Mr. T. Nishi !	420
JURO Mr. J. Sameshima	150
Powell Machine Works Limited	1,000
Albin Daniel Hendrickson	138
Joseph Sward	138
Harry Pick	500
W. H. Pottruff	1
Maurice Ferguson	100
Harry Pick :	137
Maurice E. Ferguson	
	14,614

OBERT MANAIR SHINGLE CO. LIMITED December 17, 1942. THE CUSTODIAN OF JAPANESE PROPERTY. 506 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B. C. Door Siri-We wish to put before you some facts in regard to a Japanese named K. Kamimura, who was operating for several years on some timber located on Campell Lake near Mission, B. C., in which we are interested. Mr. Kamimura entered into a contract with us in 1937 to log a certain minumen per year until the area was completely logged off. Japaness were employed mostly in this operation. He operated until the beginning of this year, but failed each year to carry out the contract in regard to the minimum required. & Early this year, as you are aware, the Japanese were evacuated, and at this tipe a new company was former called the Cannell Lake Operations Limited, Mr. Kasimure being the atheipal share-holder. It was intended that this contany would carry out Mr. Kasisura's contract with us. About \$6,000.00 was left owing by Mr. Kamimura to the Borkman's Compensation Board, and approximately \$5600,00 of this is still owing. Legal action is being taken by the Board to enforce collection of this account, and this has resulted in the closing down of the Cannell Lake Company's operations. This is to advise you that Mr. Kamimura is subject to damages for non-fulfillment of his contract for the several years during which he operated. Yours truly. THE ROBERT MCMAIR SHINGLE CO. LTD. Per J. E. McMair (WHH) Secretary-Treasurer

HAMILTON READ & PATERSON Barristers and Solicitors December 18th, 1942. The administration Department, Japanese Evacuation Section, Department of the Secretary of State, VANCOUVER, B. C. ATTENTION R. P. H. RUSSELL Dear Sirt Re: K. Kamimura of Camp 15, Hope B. C. Referring to the long conversation between your Mr. Bussell and the writer yesterday when you requested us to furnish you with particulars of the transfer by K. Kapimura of his Cannall Lake Operations, we beg to inform you as follows: By agreement made the 18th April 1942 between E. Kamimura of Mission City, Lumber Manufacturer as Vendor and Hamilton Read. Berrister-at-Law, as trustee, after reciting that Kamimura had carried on business at Cannell Lake and had the equipment and assets particularly mentioned in the schedule to the agreement, and that Kamimura was desirous. of forming a company under the 'Companies Act' of the Province of British Columbia with a share capital of \$30,000. divided into 30,000 one dollar shares, it was agreed that Kamimura should sell and the company when incorporated should purchases (a) The good will (b) Plant Machinery etc. (c) Book debts etc. (d) All contracts All cash All other property of K. Kamimura The consideration was \$9,998.00 to be paid and satisfied by the allotment of 9998 shares fully paid up and the assumption by the company of the debts of Kamimura incurred in connection with his said business. The Company should undertake to pay and discharge all the debts liabilities etc. of Kamimura. Kamimura should execute such assignment of the assets as the company might require.

The Administration Department Dec. 18 1942 Upon the adoption of the agreement by the Company the said Hamilton Read should be discharged. The foregoing is an extract from the agreement and we suggest clearly shows the transaction. By Assignment made the 18th April 1942 (executed after the before mentioned agreement of the 18th April 1942) and made between the said Kamimura of the one part and the said Hamilton Read of the other part, the said Kamimura assigned transferred and set over unto the said Hamilton Read (as trustee for the said company so to be formed) all the assets of the said Kamimura as mentioned in the said agreement of the 18th April 1942 as trustee for the company and the company covenanted to pay and discharge all the liabilities of the said Kamimura in connection with his said business at Cannell Lake. The said Company was duly incorporated on the 22nd April 1942 with the capital before mentioned, and Miss Edith L. Paterson and the said Hamilton Read were the subscribers and were the first directors of the company. The said shares were not allotted to Kamimura at his request as he desired at some future time to nominate in writing the persons to whom the shares should be allotted. No nomination has been made by the said Kamimura. Although it cannot be stated as a fact, it is believed that Kamimura was indebted to many of the Japanese either for moneys loaned or for wages not paid (the unpaid wages being considered as a loan). There is no doubt in the mind of the writer that Kamimura proposed to satisfy and discharge such debts by nominating the respective creditors as shareholders in order to satisfy the debts. Prior to the formation of the company, it was Kamimura's desire that Mr. Peter Bain of Whonnock and Mr. Fred W. Smith of the Robert McMair Shingle Company Limited should carry on the operations. The subscribers before mentioned therefore appointed Mr. Bain and Mr. Smith as directors of the company. Mr. Fred W. Smith died a short time after and Mr. Earl McNair, of the Robert McNair Shingle Company Limited declining to act as director, Mr. Bain appointed the writer as director and the directors at the present time are Mr. Bain and the writer and the writer is also the Secretary of the Company. The operations have continued since April 1942. The writer understands that the operations of Cannell Lake

The Administration Department Dec. 18 1942 operations Limited actually commenced on the 20th April 1942 although a company was not formed until the 22nd of April 1942. We believe the foregoing correctly sets forth the facts in connection with the agreement with and assignment by Kamimura but if there is any further information you desire, and we are in a position to supply you with same, we shall be pleased to do so. Yours truly, HAMILTON READ & PATERSON Per Hamilton Read HR/GAP

May 14th, 1943 E. I. Shikaso, Beq., ont Comp No. 101 dra bish Columbia, B.C. REI REVERSYDE LINDER COMPARY LINETED AND HARASJAN SINGH GREWALL (MISSION SASSITIANS INTERPREDI We have to inform you as follows:-Under the agreement of the 8th April 1942, made between Hyersyde Lumber Co.pany as Vendor and evenjes Singh Ground as purchaser, there became due on the lat April 1943 on instalment of \$1000 with interest, The agreement for sale was an eligned by Maranjan Singh Grewall to Mission Samulle Limited independ to hiversyde for the balance of the purchase scheys tamely 5,000 the 5,000 mas payable by instalments of \$1000 each payable on the first payment to be made on the Lat day of April 1943. The principal sum carries in research are 6.5 by the terms of the agreement, the purchaser was entitled to pay the sum of \$4500 in full discharge of the said \$5000 if paid before the 1st October 1942. This payment was not made and accordingly the full sum of \$5000 is payable. There is a provision in the said agreement for sale that in default of payment of the yearly instalments or due and payables Default was made in payment of the intellment payable on the 1st April 1943 and thereby the full amount is now due and payable. We are informed by Marunjan Singh Grewall, Managing Director of Mission Sauntills Limited that it is impos this for his company to pay the amounts and he informs us that his company has expended \$4000.00 and over in purchasing and installing machinery for the more efficient operation of the mill. We have no reason to doubt this as Mr. Pottruff the holds a first nortgage for approsisstely \$5000 upon the lands buildings and machinery has knowledge of the installation of such machinery. We have been in communication with Mr. H. Pick of Powell Machine Works Limited and who represents the Mission shareholders in reference to the acceptance of the instalment of \$1000

Le Bhikase, Esqua w 14th, 1943 **Miversyde** and interest and it appears that Mr. Pick is of opinion that the instalment should be accepted and that Riversyde should not take advantage of the penalty clause in the agreement whereby the mole amount is now due and payable. In connection with the enforcement of the claim for \$5000 we point out that Mr. W.H. Pottruff bolds a first wortgage as before mentioned and in the event of proceedings being taken against Mission Semmills Limited be would be a secured creditor having priority to the claim of We further point out that upon proceedings being taxes against Mission Seumille to recover the \$5000 and intere to no doubt the legal advisers of Mission Sawmills would apply to the Courts for relief and even if such relief were not granted, Elversyle would then have a judgment against Hission Sewmille. This judgment could met be enforced by execution against the assets of Mission Countills or proceedings could be taken to wind up that company or put the company in bankruptcy. At all times and until Mr. Pottruff was paid off, he would have a prior claim. Taking all the circumstances into consideration nd in view of heavy legal costs which would be chargeable in the first place against Riversyde, we are strongly of opinion that alwerede Lumber should accept payment of the instalment of We should inform you that the acceptance or refusal of the \$2000 is entirely a matter in the first place for the directors of hiversyde or if they prefer then a meeting of the shareholders of the company could be called and the shareholders by a majority wote would decide the matter of acceptance or refusal. We have received from Mission Sammille a choque for \$1189.25 and we hold this amount pending the decision of the company as to whether the came shall be accepted. We would ask you to carefully consider the matter and let us know at your earliest convenience whether it is your wish that the instalment should be accepted or not. Yours truly HAMIL TON READ & PATERSON Por Mewil Allo BE/GAP

TELEPHONE, MA RINE 8840 CODES MOREING EVACUATION SECTION Rec'd MAY 1 5 1943 HAMILTON READ & PATERSON E. L. PATERSON, M.A. BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS 1011-1014 ROSERS BUILDING 470 GRANVILLE STREET. VANCOUVER, B. C. May 14th, 1943 R. F. Alexander, Esq., Japanese Evacuation Section 506 Royal Bank Building. Vancouver, B.C. Dear Sir: RIVERSYDE LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED RE: K. KAMIMURA, K.I. SHIKAZE We enclose herewith copy of letter written by us today to K.I. Shikaze who was, of we believe is now, a very large shareholder in Riversyde Lumber Company Limited. We call your attention to the fact that we

have received\$1183.25 from Mission Sawmills Limited.

Pursuant to resolution by the shareholders of Riversyde Lumber Company Limited in April 1942, the amount is properly distributable amongst all the shareholders of the Company. There were a large number of Japanese shareholders in April 1942 but we understand that either K.I. Shikaze or K. Kamimura have purchased all the shares of such shareholders with the exception of the shares held by two shareholders. A very large part of the said sum of \$1183.25 is payable to the Japanese shareholders and we defer paying the amount to which they are properly entitled until we inform you of the receipt by us of the money and the resolution passed as to payment before mentioned.

We also old your attention to the fact that Riversyde Lumber Company is now entitled to enforce payment of the whole balance of \$5,000 now owing pursuant to the terms of said agreement mentioned in our letter to K.I. Shikaze; you will also observe our advice contained in the letter.

We see no objection whatever to the proper proportionbeing paid to the Mission Shareholders but this should not be done unless and until a decision has been arrived at by the directors of Riversyde or possibly the shareholders.

R. P. Alexander Esq., Page 2: May 14th, 1943 Riversyde We should also call your attention to the fact that owing to the absence of the Japanese from Mission, it has been impossible to hold a meeting of directors or of the shareholders of hiversyde since April 1942 and it appears impossible to hold another meeting. We should be glad if you will take the matter under consideration and let us hear from you at your earliest convenience as doubtless the Mission shareholders are awaiting payment without delay. Yours truly HAMILTON READ & PATHREON HR/GAP encl. copy letter

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P/W A-144, SHIKAZE, Kaichi 101 Base Post Office, Ottawa, Ont. June 2, 1943.

Hamilton Read & Paterson, 1011 Rogers Bldg., 470 Granville St., Vancouver, B. G

Dear Sire:

I have received your letter of 14th ult., and would like to state re delayed payment of instalment from Maranjan Singh Grewall that as suggested by you I will accept this year's installment of \$1000.00, however, I wish you will have him to follow strictly to the agreement from next year's instalment.

I wish you will distribute the above instalment, which accepted to the parties interested, and send detailed statement to me at your convenience.

I also wish to know whether the proceeds of the sale of lumber been received by you at this time or not.

Thanking you for your kind information and attention.

Yours faithfully,

K. I. Shikaze (signed) Kaichi SHIKAZE #144. HAMILTON READ BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS 1011-1014 ROGERS BUILDING 470 GRANVILLE STREET. VANCOUVER, B. C. June 16 R. P. Alexander, Esq., Japanese Evacuation Section, Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B. C. Dear Sir: Re: Riversyde Lumber Company Limit ed Re: Your files 996 and 182. We have now received the consent of K.I. Phikaze to the acceptance by the company of the instalment of \$1000 paid by Naranjan Singh Greyall and it is accordingly in order for us to disburse the moneys in payment in the first place of the claim of the Dominion Government for Sales Tax and the pro rata share amongst the shareholders. We should inform you that the letter from K.I. Shikaze is dated June 2nd 1943 and which was forwarded to us by Mr. K.W. Wright by letter of the 15th instant and was in reply to our letter to Shikaze of the lath May last. Would you be good enough to inform us whether we should pay the moneys to which K.I. Phikaze is entitled direct to him or whether we should pay the same to you or if not to you, then to whom should we pay the money? The matter is somewhat urgent as undoubtedly the shareholders in Mission are desirous of receiving the money without delay and may wonder why we do not disburse the moneys after they have consented to such disbursement. We would accordingly ask you to let us have your reply at your very earliest convenience. Yours truly HAMILTON READ & PATERSON Marrielantear HR/GAP

Re: Cannell Lake Operations Limited and Riverside Lumber Company Limited Memo re Meeting on Priday, July 9th, between Mr. Hamilton Read, solicitor; Messrs. F. G. Shears, E. W. Wright and R. P. Alexander, Custodian's Office; and R. F. Wray, P. S. Ross and Sons. Riverside Lumber Company Limited Hr. Hamilton Read reported that the sum of \$1,000.00 plus interest had been received under the agreement for the sale of the company's sawmill. After paying certain claims, principally the sales tax department re sales tax, the sum of \$572.00 remained for distribution to the shareholders. He requested the permission of the Custodian's office to distribute this money. He was advised that the Custodian's office had no objection to the distribution being made, but with the following conditions: (a) That creditors of the Riverside Lumber Company Limited should be advertised for, and it was further considered advisable that the company should go into voluntary liquidation so as to protect the shareholders from any possible claims that might subsequently arise. (b) Any monies to be distributed to evacuated or interned Japanese must be paid to the Custodian with a statement showing the respective amounts and an accounting of the funds received and disbursed. The matter of the charges made by a Mr. Pick of Mission concerning the administration of the affairs of this company since the evacuation of the Japanese was discussed. Mr. Read apparently had a very low opinion of Mr. Pick's character and stated he had made no definite claim against the company. It was pointed out that the advertisement for creditors of the company will force Wr. Pick to bring forward any claims he has or permit the matter to be considered closed. 2. Cannell Lake Operations Limited Mr. Hamilton Read reported that upon formation of the Riverside Lumber Company Limited Kamimura settled a number of his liabilities by issuing shares to Japanese employees. He had some difficulty in getting the information as to how the shares would be distributed from Kamimura, and when he saked Kamimura for a list of the allotees of Cannell Lake Company's shares Mr. Kamimura asked him to put this matter in abeyance. Mr. Read now proposes to issue all the shares with the exception of the one held by Peter Bain and the one in his own name to K. Kamimura, and was advised the Custodian would have no objection to this provided the share certificate was turned over to the Custodian's office. He stated that in his opinion as soon as the company's operations were completed, which should be in the next few months, the company should be liquidated. He informed us that approximately three years ago Kamimura under duress from Pred Smith of NeNeir Shingle Company signed a very iniquitous agreement whereby Kamimura was to pay NeNair Shingle Company a minimum of \$7,500.00 per year as a payment on the timber purchased from McMair Shingle Company regardless of whether or not any loss were removed and stumpage paid for. At that time McMair Shingle

Company was obligated under an agreement with the Stave
Lake Mills Company to pay \$7,500.00 a year on a large tract
of timber being purchased, of which the timber McMair sold
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3. Her Proposed New Operation of Kamimura and Associates at Hope, B. C.

imately \$15,000.00 to date in order that the operation at Hope, B. C. could be proceeded with by the Japanese. The basis of his deal is that upon repayment of this money, and of the operation, he will have no interest in the company's him the Japanese, that is himself and Kamimura, would give

(a) The first mortgage on Yanega's farm, near Haney.
(b) An assignment of Raminura's equity in Riverside
Lumber Company Limited and Cannell Lake Operations

objection to these assignments being given, provided they would not interfere with the present rights of any creditors

advised him he was unable to account for more than \$900.00 of the \$1.650.00 advanced to McIntyre for the operation at Japanese outside of the defence area was no concern of the Custodian, and, therefore, the matter of obtaining a settlement from Borden McIntyre did not interest the Custodian.



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Lethbridge, Alberta, August 3, 1943.

Mr. M. L. Brown, Office Manager, Vancouver, B.C.

Riversyde Lumber Comeany Ltd.

It would appear that the affairs of this Company are being handled by Mamilton Read and Paterson, Solicitors, at 1011-1014 Regers Building, Vancouver, B.C.

The following Japanese of this District are ligted as shareholders in this Company, and are requesting that information as to whether the above solicitors have paid any money in, in the form of dividends, or that has been done with the monies collected by the above firm of solicitors. The elereholders in this District are as follows:

			No. of Shere	0.
Mr. I.	Shikaze		500	\$ 73.50
Er. E.	Kudo	TAN PENDEN	600	88.20
Mr. 2.	K1 tagawa		62	9.11
Mr. H.	Shikuze		254	37.33
Mr. M.	Kerintemeri		340	49.98
Mr. I.	Shikaze		550	80.85
Mr. J.	Semoshina		150	22.05

From advice received from Mr. Kudo, one of the shareholders, Hemilton Read and Paterson collected the sum of \$1000,00 and interest in April of 1943. He thinks that the share for the Japanese in this District should be paid into the Gustodian for credit to each of the parties concerned. Mr. Kudo has a letter from Hamil-

R.B. Besttie.

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VEMY SECTION HAMILTON READ & PATERSON E. L. PATERSON, M.A. HAMILTON READ BARRISTERS AND SOLICITORS January 19th, 1944 K. W. Wright, Esq., Department of the Secretary of State. 912 Royal Bank Building, VANCOUVER B.C. Dear Sir: Re: Riversyde Lumber Company Limited P. A. 144 Shikaze Kaichi We duly received your letter of the 20th ultimo to which we did not reply at the time owing to pressure of business in attempting to clear up a number of matters before the new year. We further have to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 3rd instant and again we have to apologize for not replying to same. Enclosed please find dstatement of account in respect of the moneys received by us and the moneys expended by us. We deal with the credits. 1. P. Bain Lumber Mills Limited was indebted to Riversyde Company in the sum of \$416.66 and the amount was paid to us. 2. The sum of \$1183.25 is the amount for principal and interest being the first instalmentowing under the agreement for sale. The due date for payment was April 18th and when payment was not made we received instructions from all the shareholders to accept payment in May instead of taking proceedings to enforce payment under the agreement for sale. 3. The sum of \$120.00 is interest for one-half year on the balance of the purchase moneys. We now deal with the disbursements: The sum of #210.35 represents the earned premiums on policy of insurance owing at the date when Riversyde company sold its mill etc. to Naranjan Singh Grewell (Mission Sawmills Limited). This indebtedness was proved by Statutory Declaration. The exchange \$1.95 is in respect of the cheque of Mission Sawmills Limited. 3. The sum of \$502.55 was the amount owing to the Collector

K. W. Wright, Esq., Page 2. January 19th, 1944 of Customs and was arrived at after two or possibly three inspections of the books of the company and the former books of K. Kamimura. Any liability of Kamimura had been assumed by Riversyde company. The sum of \$2.20 was for charges for advertising for debts of the company, and this advertisement was inserted at the suggestion of the Custodian. The \$50.00 was paid to Fraser Valley Record in discharge of an account exceeding \$90 owing by the company. The account was checked by Mr. H.71ck the accountant for Powell Machine Works Limited one of the shareholders of the company who advised that there was a sum of approximately \$70.00 owing. We offerred the sum of \$50.00 in full settlement and this was accepted and the amount paid. The exchange of 30 cents is in respect of the cheque for \$120.00. The legal Bes are for legal services between May 1st 1942 and December 31st 1943. A detailed statement of these fees can be furnished at any time. The balance in our hands if \$702.56 which is distributable amongst the shareholders pro rata. The shares held by the Japanese shareholders are 12,550 shares and the shares held by those (other than Japanese) are 2064 shares. We enclose herewith a list of shareholders and shares respectively held by them in the company. The list is in accordance with the instructions which we received on the incorporation of the company and subsequent thereto, and this is the list which was used when the cash payment by Mission Sawmills Limited was made and we were informed that the directors of Riversyde Lumber Company Limited paid the respective shareholders in accordance with the list. We however call your attention to the following letters received by us from K. Kamimura. Letter of January 11th, 1943 reading as follows:-"Please be advised that Japanese shareholders are only 3 namely M. Ayukawa 174.00, D. Kuraoka, 74.00 J. Sameshima 150.00, others I have redeemed share as they badly needed money before evacuation." 2. Letter of February 4, 1943 reading as follows:-"As to share of D. Karaoka is paid up according to my personal book for which I am not certain whereabout the certificate, also I have paid M. Avukawa \$126.95 for 174 shares so he has no kick coming. Only J. Sameshima share outstanding. I do not know he is now. He was working at River-

Page 3. K. W. Wright, Esq., January 19th, 1944 "syde Lbr. Mission at the time I left." If you turn to the list of shareholders you will observe that A. Ayukawa held 174 shares, D. Kuraoka held 100 shares and J. Sameshima 150 shares. The proportion payable to the Japanese shareholders is \$603.33 and the balance of \$99.22 is payable to the remaining shareholders. If you consent, we will apportion the \$99.22 amongst the other shareholders and of course we hold the sum of \$603.33 to your order. Yours truly HAMILTON READ & PATERSON Aanientoas. HR/GAP encls. 2 % M. Messrs. Hamilton Read & Paterson, Barristers-at-Oaw, 470 Granville Street, Vancouver, B. C.

IN ACCOUNT WITH

RIVERSYDE LUMBER COMPANY LIMITED

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209 Royal Benk Building, Vencouver, b. C. January Sind, 1944 Mosere, Pa S. Rose & Sons, All Boyal Bank buildings Gentlement We what to thank you for your lotter of the 20th instant, reporting the above Company, and we have noted the On December 20th last, we wrote to Messre, Smillton, and and Patterson at the request of Reight SHEAR, on byternes as follows: The above named interned has written us as follows: "I also wish that you will kindly lot so show whether my account bee been credited in the mount of about Five hundred Dallare ((DECO, CO) from Mounts. Healthon, Read & Paterson, Revetators, of 470 Commyllie Dal, Vencouver, B. C., being my share for the male of Miverage Mor. Ob., Ital of Mineton Daty, B. C., to make the form of the male of Miverage Mor. Ob., Ital of Mineton Daty, B. C., to According to the letter from Mesors, Hamilton, Read & Paterson, Inspiretors, dated on June 18th, 1948, they will send so a statement of account of the distribution, however, so far I have not received it yet, therefore, I wish you will kindly set them to send the statement, thich I have maked and they agreed to send at their convenience. We would be pleased to have your comments in this matter". In reply we have received a letter and accounting from

Monage, P. S. Rone & Cons January Shid, 1944 Mesore. Remilton, Read & Paterson, a copy of which is attached. We will be pleased to have your comments in this connection as soon as possible. Yours truly, K. W. BRIGHT COURSEL TO THE CUSTODIAN

TELEPHONE: POWELL MACHINE WORKS, LIMITED MANUFACTURERS OF ENEMY SECTION LOGGING AND SAW MILL MACHINERY GENERAL MACHINE WORK MISSION CITY, B.C. 23rd Feb., 1944 Custodian. Rnemy Alien Property. Vancouver. Dear Sir: Riversyde Lumber Co., Limited Messrs Read and Paterson informed us by letter dated 19th Jan. that \$702.56 was available for distribution from the realized assets of above mentioned Jap. company, and that \$99.22 of this amount was due to the white shareholders at Mission. Read and Paterson stated they were getting your permission to forward cheques to said shareholders. but bothing seems to come of it. We respectfully request to know if we may have our money, especially as a portion of the monies for distribution has been held by Pead and Paterson since June 1942. If the cash cannot be sent we shall be glad to know the reason. Yours truly. Powell Machine Works, Limited per H. Pick representing Mission shareholders. Vancouver Province - 16th March, 1944.

WISSION SAWMILLS SUED OF 1/15-14

Mill Head Claims Salaries Faked to Beat Income Tax

Fake salaries were charged against the profits of Mission Sawmills Ltd. for the purpose of defeating the Dominion income tax, according to its managing director. Naranjan Singh Grewall, Mission City, at a Supreme Court trial heard by Mr. Justice Coady on Wednesday.

Indar Singh, of Mission, is suing the firm on a \$1000 loan

suing the firm on a \$1000 loam and he has joined Grewall as a detendant for allegedly failing to deliver up a promissory note, evidencing the transaction.

Damages of \$100 are claimed for detention of the note.

Grewall testified that fake salaries of \$200 and \$150 a month were credited in the sawnill company's books to himself and Daswandha Singh, honorary secretary, and the moneys were paid by Grewall into a special account for the chareholders.

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The same course, according to witness, was followed with respect to half the moneys received

spect to half the moneys received from the sale of wood fuel.

Shareholders include the wife of F. G. Gardner, R.C., of Toronto, and S. Steinberg, Toronto financier, who each held a quarter interest in the company. The remaining half interest is held by Hindu shareholders.

The \$1000 note, on which the action is based, represents the Hindus' share of the profits and helongs to the company, the defense alleges.

Plaintiff and his partners claim that they knew nothing of the scheme to beat the Dominion

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Hindu Firm's Plot to Evade Income Taxes Admitted in Court

An alleged plot by East Indian shareholders of Mission Sawmills Ltd. at Mission to defraud the government of income tax was bared to Mr. Justice Coady in Supreme Court Wednesday by Naranjan Singh Grewall, managing

Estern shareholders were to et half the proceeds of the fraud out the "special fund," which eached \$2000 by the end of 1942. was restored to the company and

the scheme abandoned on instruc-tions from F. G. Gardiner. KC. Toronto the judge was informed.

'We made the shareholders presents in the form of promis-sory notes from the company after louning back to the firm money in this special fund.' Grewall frankly stated.

'Presents from heaven?" quer-ied Mr. Head.

'Presents from the company, seems to me," said His Lordship.

Two of the gift notes, intalling 1000, were made to Gardiner and Sam Steinberg, Toronto hotel

REMAINDER A FRAUD"

Quizzed about a \$5000 balance shown in a company statement. Grewall said \$2500 was genuine and the rest was a fraud. "Is admit it," he added.

Grewall told the court the company spent \$600 bringing Mr and Mrs. Gardmer and Steinberg out by plane in August, 1942, to see their investment in a former Japanese mill, and that the lawyer said it was bad business when he told him of the plan.

But, he quoted Gardiner as

"We have put our money in to make more money and it is up to you Hindus to run the mill. We do not know anything about it."

The income tax fraud fund was accumulated, Grewall said, by the Hindu shareholders voting him a \$400 monthly salary, of which half went to the fund; by naming one of themselves accretary at \$150, all of which went to the fund; by taking a levy from sawdust and wood orders; and by putting in the proceeds of lumber sales which were not shown in company books at all.

Trial of the case continues today in Supreme Court.

Claims Note Cancelled

Counsel Doffs Gown, Testifies For Sawmill

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C. Carmichael took the witness stand before Mr. Justice Coady in Supreme Court on Thursday and testified on behalf of his clients, Mission Sawmills Ltd. and Naranjan Singh Grewall, who are being sued by Indar Singh on a \$1000 promissory note.

Grewall had previously given evidence that take salaries were charged in the company's books for the purpose of defeating the Dominion income tax.

Mr. Carmichael stated that he was appointed to investigate the company with the result that the books were audited and notes, including the one on which the plaintiff sues, were cancelled.

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Defendants' counsel declared that he cleaned up the alleged fraud and the \$1000 was paid back into the company's account together with an additional \$2000, in accordance with the auditor's report.

Mr. Carmichael took the witness stand after another lawyer, R. J. McMaster, who had previously done work for the company, told of a meeting last September when, he alleged, Grewall admitted there was a \$1000 note in existence and it had been substituted for another to cover moneys advanced.

Defense counsel testified that he knew nothing of the note and that Grewall at the meeting, refused to give any particulars of the note to Mr. McMaster.

Master.

Vancouver Sun - 17th March, 1944

raud All 'Cleaned U Sawmill Managem

"I can assure you there is no fraud there now," Clement Carmichael told Mr. Justice Coady Thursday when he doffed is barriere's goon to take the stand as a defense witness in the Dast Indian \$1000 promissory note case.

The tis which world Moo by Is associated the standing the Cormiched is defending the Cormiched is defending the Samuel Lod and its the standing director. Naranjan Singh Grewall, Mission against the action of Inday Singh, Mission fuel dealer.

SNEEDSPATOTING

Grewall, who startled the court of Wednesday with his frank dis-losure of a plan to beat the in-ome tax, was described by Mr. armichael as "an innocent vio-im."

The lawyer told Indar Singh's summel. Hamilton Read, on ross-essamination, that he was retained by F. G. Gardiner. RC. Toronte shareholder in Mission Sawmills, to represent the majority shareholders in a dispute with the minority and to clean ap the fraud.

And he has done it, Mr. Carnichael maintained.

"The company has received every cent it is entitled to since became a director," he declared. In his summing up of the evidence. Mr. Carmichael argued that the frouble started when safeway Fuels, operated by Indar Singh and his associates, lost the fuel contract with Mission Sawmills.

HUCH LYING IN CASE

"There has been a considerable amount of lying in this case," he told. Mr. Justice Coady as he pointed to defense evidence that Indar Singh and his group knew of the income tax scheme and were parties to it. This they denied in the witness box.

He supported Grewall's evidence that the note on which indar Singh is suing represents the East Indian's share of the fraud fund, which has since been turned back to the company, and not money advanced by the claimant for sawmill operations.

R. J. McMaster, Vancouver harmster, was called by Mr. Read to tell the court of his discovery of the tax fraud when he was asked by Indar Singh to prepare a liet of complaints of the minority shareholders.

ENEMY SECTION TELEPHONE: MARINE \$840 File No. / HAMILTON READ & PATERSON HAMILTON READ E. L. PATERSON, M.A. SOLICITORS 470 GRANVILLE STREET. VANCOUVER. B. C. 22nd April 1944 The Custodian, EVACUATION PETTIO Japanese Evacuation Section Royal Bank Building Rec'd APR 24 1944 CITY. Dear Sir: Referred RE: Riversyde Lumber Co.Ltd. We have received a letter from Mr. H. Pick who represents the white shareholders at Mission asking when the cash received by us is to be disbursed and Mr. Pick goes so far as to use the words "if ever". We have replied to Mr. Pick that we are in communication with you in reference to the paymentof the moneys and that unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will forward cheques to the respective white shareholders for the amounts properly payable to them on a distribution of the moneys in our hands. Yours truly HAMILTON READ & PATERSON "Kallillas loo HR/GAP

INTERNMENT OPERATIONS

From N. 144 Name SHIKAZE, Kaichi Camp 101, Angler, Ontario' Date March 29th, 1945

Messrs. Hamilton Read & Patterson, 1011 Rogers Building, 470 Granville Street, Vancouver, B.C.

Gentlemen:

Re: Riversyde Lumber Co., Ltd.

As I have not heard from you for a long time in connection with the above company and the payment from Naranjan Singh Greyall, and the time for this year's payment is mearing, I hereby request that you will kindly let me know whether the payment as per the Agreement for Sale for 1944 had been made or not.

I also wish you will let me have the statement of the account as you have promised in your letter of June 16, 1943, also any subsequent statement of account.

I also wish you will make on copy of the Agreement fo Sale, then send it to me for my further reference, then charge the fees to my account.

Thanking you in anticipation for your kind and prompt attention.

Yours truly,

"K. Shikaze"

Kaichi SHIKAZE, #144

ORIGINAL ON FILE #882 Internee

File No. 2376 / 273/
P. O. Box, 874, Annual Sept 8th. 1947

The Custodian Office, 506 Royal Bank Building, Vancouver, B. C.

Dear Sir:

Re-Riversyde Lumber Co, Re- Mission Sawmill Co, Ltd.

In connection with the above business transaction my lawyer Mr. Hamilton Read, 1011 Roger's Building adviced me under the date of August 22nd 1946. that the Mission Sawmills Ltd has paid up the balance owing us on Riversyde Lumber Co, and that the money received has been handed over to the Cuatodian, and statement of whale transaction will be prepared for me and the Custodian.

This winding up statement has not been received as yet by me and I shall be much obliged if you could give me a copy of the same as I believe you should have one by this time.

I was informed that my brother K. I. Shikase who has largest number of shares has been paid by you as he leave Canada on June 16th, 1946. Also he requested me to receive approximately \$400.00 balance due him according to his own figure, I have nothing to go by.

Will you be good enough to supply a copy of the winding up statement of Riversyde Lumber Co, and the informations regarding disbursement of the money.

For your information I enclosed herewith a copy of the list of the shareholders and amount of money they received when the first payment was distributed.

Also seven shareholders I have paid off of which the certificates are safe keep at the Bank of Commerce at Mission City.

While I often receive letters from Japanes shareholders scattered all over asking when and how their share money be paid, I shall be grateful to you if you give me satisfactory reply.

Yours very truly,

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K. Kamimura,

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE OFFICE OF THE CUSTODIAN JAPANESE EVACUATION SECTION

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

September 28th, 1949

Hamilton Read and Patterson, Barristers, 470 Granville Street, Vancouver. B. C.

Dear Sirs:

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EVACUATION SECTION Rec'd _SEP 3 0 1949 File No. Roterred

Res Riversyde Lumber Company

As liquidators of the above firm we enclose herewith for cancellation the undermentioned share certificates covering shares owned by various Japanese, and who have forwarded these certificates to us upon receiving their proportion of funds.

Certificate No.	Trans.	Shares
	Kaichi Shikase	6276
2	Kahei Kemimura	2201
3	Kayemon Shikase	500
7	Shisuo Ayukawa	127
6.	Elichi Kitagawa	62
30	Tokusuke Sakata	162
u	Denjiro Kurasha	100
22	Hironori Shikase	254
16	Kamitoshi Kobayashi	192
16	Yoshinori Nishi	420

Kindly acknowledge receipt by signing the attached copy of this letter and returning it to us.

Yours very truly,

CHR: BK

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The Riversyde Lumber Co, Ltd.

List of	shareholders & shar	。	
Names	Number of shares	Amount paid, when mill sold & lst paym't	share given
Mr, K. I. Shikaze	6276	distributed. \$922.57	to him.
Mr, K. Kemimura	2201	323.54	
Mr, K. Shikaze	500	73.50	
Mr, S. Natsugoye	300	44.10	
Mr, M. Ayukawa	174	25.57	Transfered to K. K.
Mr, M. Kudo	600	88.20	
Mr, S. Ayukawa	127	18666	Transfered to K. K.
Mr, E. Kitagawa,	62	9.11	Transfered to K. K.
Mr, T. Kariatsumari	l 142	20.87	
Mr, T. Sakata	162	23.81	Transfered to K. K.
Mr, D. Kuraoka	100	14.70	Transfered to K. K.
Mr, H. Shikaze	254	37.33	
Mr, K. Kobayashi	192	28.22	Transfered to K. K.
Mr, M. Kariatsumari	340	49.98 X	
Mr. Y. Shikaze	550	80.85	
Mr, Y. Nishi	420	61.74	Transfered to K. K.
Mr, J. Sameshima	150	22.05	
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Joseph Sward	138 138	20,28 20,28	
Harry Pick	500	73.50	
W. H. Pottraff	1		
Maurice Ferguson	100	14.70	
Harry Pick	137	20.13	
Maurice E. Ferguson	50	7.35	
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