

Complaint

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For Mr. Shears

c/o Mr. J. Coole,
Okanagan Centre B.C.
March 11, 1947

Office of the Custodian,
Dept. of Secretary of State of Canada,
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Sir:-

I am writing this letter to you in the firm belief that with the following statements and facts you will do your utmost to clear up the matters which continual correspondence with your office and myself over a period of four years has not completely cleared up. (Please refer to your file nos. 5160, 10645, 3025 and 10653).

My house on 347 East Cordova was sold for \$1300 by the Custodian of Enemy Property, of which I received balance sheet for \$497.47 in cheque and \$500 in Victory Bonds. This house was sold without my consent or knowledge on February 11, 1944, receiving notice March 27/44.

I purchased this house in April 1940 for \$1400 in very poor condition. However, with repairs and alterations costing \$400 including bathroom and kitchen remodelling, it was made habitable. But in June 1942, being forced to evacuate, we left behind furnishings consisting of blinds, curtains, and linoleums valued at \$150 in the house.

Taking all these things into consideration and in view of the fact of the housing shortage existing in 1944, this house could have easily brought \$2300 had I wished to sell.

Immediately following receipt of notice of sale I wrote in to your office concerning the following articles which were stored in the house and requesting same to be forwarded to me at New Denver--

two trunks containing clothing,
two Japanese tea boxes containing clothing,
one electric "Singer" sewing machine,
one box of gramophone records.

These goods were my property and left behind because of the baggage limit imposed on us at the time of evacuating.

On April 15, 1944, I received an answer from Mr. Green of your department requesting me to fill out standard custodian release forms for the goods, which I did.

On December 18, 1945, I received a copy of the auction sheet compiled and sent by your office. However, not being as yet in possession of the crated goods mentioned above, and failing also to notice or recognize any of the articles listed in the auction sheet as my own, I presumed they were still in Custodian hands, possibly in storage.

In the spring of 1946 I received a letter from Mr. Spain of your office informing me that all clothing in the trunks and boxes were donated to