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Vancouver, 6 June, 1911

Sir,

Mr. Kumar disappeared from Vancouver about the beginning of this week and it was only yesterday I was able to trace that he had gone to Seattle. Kumar is not admissible to the United States having been rejected at this port sometime last year, and under the circumstances must have made a surreptitious entry. The reason for his visit to that city is not yet quite clear. A great many Hindus are under the impression that he must have gone to consult Tarak Nath Dass regarding recent rejections at White Rock under the amended Immigration Act, where Hindus applying for admission from the United States have to prove previous residence in Canada of two years and that they have not lost Canadian domicile before they can be re-admitted. They do not appear to be aware of the amendments in the new Act and think that rejections are being made indiscriminately. Another matter which has come to my knowledge and which may be a cause for his leaving this city, is that last month he purchased from Messrs. Waghorn Gwynn of this city a house and lot close to where he resides. This property, I learn, was bought at the instance of two Hindus named Janda Singh and Dyal Singh who paid him the sum of \$600.00 as a first payment on this property which was to be in their name. Kumar instead of doing as directed had the deal put through in his own name for the sum of \$3700.00 paid cash \$400.00 and the balance was arranged for \$150.00 every three months. Kumar then had an assignment prepared between himself and those two men in which he states that the property was bought for the sum of \$3900.00 of which he paid \$600.00 cash and the balance to be paid at the rate of \$150.00 every three months. He is also to keep a one-sixth interest in the property for putting the deal through. When the assignment was presented to Janda and Dyal to sign, they consulted some of their countrymen who made inquiries of Messrs Waghorn and Gwynn and there ascertained the true state of affairs. By this transaction it would appear that Kumar would profit to the extent of \$500.00 and also the sixth interest in the property without spending a cent and with only the loss of such time as it took to put the deal through. The two Hindus concerned refused to sign and contemplate having him arrested for cheating. In the meantime Kumar disappeared.

Yours obediently,
W.C. Hopkinson