

125 Extract from T.R.E. McInnes of Vancouver to the Prime Minister, Robert Borden

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I had an interview some weeks ago with Dr. Roche [Minister of the Interior], but he seemed quite satisfied that his officers in the West could properly handle any Oriental problem, mentioning in particular Mr. Reed of Vancouver. Mr. Reed was the man who, disregarding the orders of the Court, seized and actually threw a Sikh priest on board a ship contrary to the wishes of its captain. He might better ~~have~~ unlawfully deported a hundred ordinary Hindus than this priest Bhagwan Singh. It is by winning the support of the leaders of the Hindus that you will be able to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion. But there is a blank wall between your immigration officers and the Hindus.

[T.R.E. McInnes]