

Braden Papers

T. R. E. McInnes to Braden 2 Dec 1913

"I can provide a solution of the Hindu problem in British Columbia which would be satisfactory to the ~~may~~ majority in the province - Hindu and white alike.

I am as sure of being able to do it as I was of quelling the dangerous activities of the Ant. Asiatic League in 1908. And I could do it in the ~~same~~ same way. - myself practically unknown in the matter and having a free hand subject only to direct orders of the Minister.

I have some important and reliable news concerning the activities of Dr. Sunder Singh.

I had an interview some weeks ago with Dr. Roche, but he seemed at the time quite satisfied that his officers in the West could properly handle any Oriental problem, mentioning a particular Mr. Reed ~~of~~ (sic) of Vancouver. Mr. Reed was the man who, disregarding the orders of the Court, seized and ~~detained~~ ~~threw~~ 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 the priest. ~~Bhawan~~ Bhawan 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 ~~well~~ wall between your immigration officers and the Hindus. It is myself personally I would see first instead of