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THE HINDU IN CANADA.

The stories in circulation that many Hindus now in the city, together with all those in the Komagata, will go to India and spread sedition do not deserve much attention. Most of the Hindus in Vancouver are going about their work, if they have any, and are well satisfied that the struggle for local employment is no harder. They have never been anxious that three hundred more laborers should be thrown upon an overcrowded market. There are in Vancouver a small number of traders, speculators and professional Hindus who live without manual labor. Some of these do a good deal of talking, and would like a larger audience. But they are not going to India. They can do better here. The Hindus on the Komagata Maru did not come here from India, and most of them when they get back to Asia, will stay in the cities whence they came. If they go to India they can add nothing to what the agitators there have been saying for years. The Komagata Maru incident has added nothing to the sum of Hindu grievances.

If we were to accept these people and make peons of them, as some commercial philanthropists suggest, then there would be a real cause of complaint. Again we are advised by a visitor that the land of this country can only be cleared and the rough work done by Asiatic labor. Bring them in. See that they are set at this primitive and servile work, which Europeans reject. Make them hewers of wood and drawers of water. Take care that they are excluded from other activities. Thus make it not only unpleasant but impossible for a European to perform rough labor in this country. Establish here for all time a servile or helot class. Then the land will flourish, capital will come and white people, except the "poor whites," will have a good time as masters and drivers. In short, let us repeat the Natal experiment.

India will, of course, be satisfied. As British subjects the Hindus will ask nothing better than to be hunted to their compounds, driven out of the cities, banished from the villages, kept out of trade, out of the mills and workshops, treated as a kind of live stock, whose business it is to minister to the luxury and wealth of the country. We have seen how the Natal system has promoted harmony in India. But it has undoubtedly done much for the development of the resources of Natal.

HUERTA AND AFTERWARDS.

Mexico has a change of administration. Huerta has resigned and caused his foreign minister to succeed him. The surrender is really to Carranza and Villa, but for reasons that are obvious to those who have followed Mexican history it would not be convenient for Huerta to make the surrender directly and in person. Madero did that. Ex-presidents of Mexico live abroad. Huerta would rather be ex-president than late president. Carranza's officers will probably occupy the capital without further fighting. When Carranza arrives another change of government will be due.

Huerta has made a long and stub-

funds for election purposes, even when the campaign is free from corrupt influences. But campaign funds should be contributed by friends of the party receiving them, not collected by a Government official from persons of both parties with whom the Government does a Crown land business through this same officer. Where the original responsibility for these transactions rests is a matter on which evidence is yet to be heard. One journal censures the lumbermen on the ground that they must have expected some consideration at the expense of the treasury. This does not dispose of the case, nor do the precedents which will doubtless be cited. It will, of course, be recalled that a New Brunswick Conservative contractor for dredging under the Laurier Government was required to pay ten per cent. of all his receipts to a Liberal party manager, and that he submitted until he had paid to his political opponents \$36,000 out of his earnings, after which he refused duty and told the whole story. One of the lumbermen who testified the other day to making a payment added that he took it as a matter of course since he had contributed in the same way for twenty years to the political funds of previous provincial ministries of the other party. Most people will think that the time past should have sufficed for these methods. They furnish no excuse for the transactions now coming to light, though they might well stop the mouths of those who were parties to the older scandals.

It is not surprising that retail merchants and business men generally are calling upon the authorities to suppress the Minoru Park performances. They know that the money sent abroad by way of this institution diminishes the sale of useful articles. But the persons who should buy the useful articles and have to do without them are still more unfortunate.

The Empress of Ireland Commission of Enquiry report acquits the St. Lawrence route of any complicity in the collision. There was no possible reason for the suggestion that the route was dangerous. When the collision took place the ships had miles of sea room. There was fog, but fog is not a respecter of localities. While the Quebec enquiry was going on four or five disasters occurred off the coast of the British Islands, all on account of fog. Any of these might have caused as great loss of life as the Empress disaster, if the ships had been of the same class.

Senator Bostock tells "The News-Advertiser" in a friendly way that he does not think he claimed that his party "out-manoeuvred" the Conservatives in the matter of the Senate address. He believes that he did not in his interviews use the expression quoted. So far as the interview with this paper is concerned, Senator Bostock's memory is accurate, as a reference to the report shows. Our comments were based on the report of an interview with another local journal, understood to be friendly to the senator and his party. The claim that the Conservatives were "out-manoeuvred" is found in this report: