

US Immigration

MR. REID'S COMMENTS

Head of Immigration Department is
Gratified at Outcome of Contempt
of Court Case.

"I do not wish to revive any controversy which this case may have led to, but I should not be human if I did not feel satisfied with Mr. Justice Morrison's decision with reference to the contempt proceedings against myself, and I should like to thank the newspapers of Vancouver for the very unbiased reports which they gave of the Bhagwan Singh happenings and also to thank a considerable section of the public for offers of assistance should matters have come to a climax."

Mr. Malcolm Reid, head of the Immigration Department, was at first unwilling to make any comment upon the recent decision but finally allowed himself to express this word of thanks with reference to a case which has caused his department a great amount of worry and which resulted in the deportation of the Hindu—who subsequently left the Empress of Japan at Yokohama and was not afterwards seen.

He added: "The unusual circumstances of the case and the fact that they figured so largely in the public press had, at least, the good effect of making it clear that the public generally—and especially the residents of the Pacific Coast—are alive to the difficult, and sometimes dangerous, work of the immigration officials. It has certainly strengthened our hands and made it easier for us to do our duty."



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