

SAT ON PERTAB TILL HE WAS NEARLY DEAD *Oct.* *4*

His Ante-mortem Statement
Taken in New Westminster
Hospital Today.

Vancouver Hindu Received a
Surprise on Visit to
Abbotsford.

Shot Twice at Priest Mit
Singh, but Did No Great
Damage.

Case Appears to Be an Echo
of Famous Trial of
Bela Singh.

When Pertab Singh, who is quite a well-known Hindu in Vancouver, journeyed last evening to Abbotsford to administer a little castigation to the folk there from the muzzle of his gun, he knew not of the hot reception that was in store for him. This morning he returned—all but dead. He had fired two shots from his gun and did no damage to speak of. Then he fell himself under a counter-attack and was so badly man-handled by his fellow-countrymen that he lies on the point of death in the Royal Columbian Hospital at New Westminster.

Pertab lives at 1747 Third avenue, Kitsilano. It was near there that Arjan Singh was shot last winter and in a subsequent murder trial amongst the feudists Pertab was a prominent witness for Bela Singh. On the opposing side Mit Singh, a Hindu priest, was the chief witness.

Yesterday Pertab went to Abbotsford and shortly before 10 o'clock last evening knocked at the door of Mit Singh's house, which adjoins the temple, and which is located a mile and a half from the town. When Mit opened the door he was greeted by a shot from what later turned out to be a 38-calibre revolver in the hands of Pertab. The first shot missed, but the second inflicted a small wound in the flesh of Mit's shoulder. By this time Mit had leaped on his assailant and struggled with him until help arrived. Then the Hindu populace of the place appears to have taken turns severally and altogether in holding Pertab down until the arrival of the police.

"I have never seen a man so badly used up," said Provincial Constable A. T. Stephenson this morning. Pertab's eyes were blacked and his nose caved in—injuries from which he might of course recover. But his ribs were broken down one side and the jagged ends knocked into his lungs—and from these wounds he is not expected to get better. His ante-mortem statement was taken this morning by officials at the Royal Columbian Hospital. Mit Singh is able to be up and about and is being detained as a material witness. Municipal Constable F. Swist of Abbotsford was the first officer injured at the scene of the fracas. Dr. Constable dressed the wounds of the Westminster men. Chief Provincial investigation, Owens went from New Westminster this morning to make an

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