

25 W. C. Hopkinson to W. W. Cory, Deputy, Minister of the Interior

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Immigration Branch,

Department of the Interior,

Vancouver, B.C., 5th August, 1909.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report for your information that I had a personal interview with the Governor General at 10-30 A.M. yesterday which lasted for over an hour and a half and in the course of conversation I furnished him with all particulars available regarding the Hindus and their leader Teja Singh.

I was directed by His Excellency to forward him at Skagway copies of reports sent you from time to time touching the same question, copies of which I am also forwarding you under this cover. I have had nothing special to report with regard to this community as there have been no further developments. Teja Singh is away at present in Arrowhead for which place he left on the 2nd inst and will not be back for a fortnight.

There is trouble brewing among the Hindus with regard to moneys invested in the Guru Nanak Mining & Trust Co, of which Teja is the President.

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The men are becoming suspicious of him and a great many have withdrawn their money, while others who have made applications for withdrawal have been put off from time to time with no satisfaction. The pamphlet Free Hindustan is still in circulation in B.C. and the publication comes through Victoria, where a man named G. D. Kumar (Hindu) imports it from Seattle. This man is of the same type as Tarak Nath Dass and I am proceeding to Victoria to find out all particulars concerning him and his doings.

Mr. Harkin was present at the latter end of the interview with His Excellency and confirmed the report I made to him.

I will be in Vancouver the day His Excellency returns from the North and during his stay here in case he is desirous of seeing me.

I shall forward you a report on my return from Victoria regarding my mission there.

Yours obediently,

(Signed) Wm. C. Hopkinson.

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