

27. W. C. Hopkinson to W. W. Cory,

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W. W. Cory, Esq.,  
Deputy Minister of the Interior,  
Ottawa, Ont.

Sir,

In continuation of my report of the 12th inst., I beg to intimate that Teja Singh returned from his trip on the 14th instant, via Seattle, where I presume he was in conference with Tarak Nath Dass and G.D. Kumar.

Of the eight students in Seattle three have come over to Vancouver since Sunday last, their names being Inder Singh, Nabhi Ram and Lubi Lal. I am keeping an eye on them and watching their movements as far as possible.

On Sunday last I learned from a reliable source that Teja Singh is likely to be ousted from the position he is at present holding, due to the fact that his countrymen are becoming suspicious of him owing to his speculating with their money and being unable to satisfactorily account for some of his transactions, thereby causing three of the Committee to withdraw their names.

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There is trouble brewing among the Hindu community, and it is only a question of a month or two before the whole system will be exposed in the Vancouver Courts.

Tarak Nath Dass is expected any day in Vancouver; his mission here I cannot possibly locate at the present, but hope to do so shortly after his arrival.

Nabhi Ram, with his brother Udoy Ram, the Storekeeper at Millside, has instructed a firm of solicitors here to demand the release of the eight Lascars who deserted from the S. S. "Clan MacInnis" on June 16th last, and have threatened a suit for damages on account of illegal detention, and intend applying for their release under the Habeas Corpus Act. Mr. MacGill has the matter in hand, and is attending to it personally.

This concludes my report for the present, and in doing so I beg to suggest that I be permitted to hire a Typewriter in connection with my work.

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Yours obediently,

(sgd) Wm. C. Hopkinson.