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FRIDAY, Nov. 26th, 1909.

Received advance of \$50.00 from Mr. MacGill.

SATURDAY, Nov. 27th, 1909.

Left by the 7.50 a.m. train, and arrived at Mission at 9.30 a.m. Had a look around and found about 15 Hindus working on Farms in the vicinity at \$1.00 a day. No distress cases. Left Mission at 10.30 a.m. and arrived at Abbotsford at 10.57. Put up at the Commercial Hotel. Started enquiries and found 15 Hindus working on Construction work for B.C.E.Ry. wages \$1.50 a day. Proceeded to the Abbotsford Lumber Co. (five miles out) and there saw about 70 Hindus at work. Wages \$1.75 to \$1.40 a day. The mill will close down on the 30th. inst., and all men discharged. Will re-open in February. All Hindus intend returning to Vancouver. Proceeded to Huntingdon - 8 miles - and found 30 Hindus working on Construction work at wages \$1.50 a day. At Abbotsford four Hindus named GANDA, MELLA, DUNEE, & CHEROO, complained of having lost each respectively, \$65, \$30, \$165, \$80, which they had deposited for safe keeping with a Storekeeper named CHARLES SUMNER, this man had gone into liquidation and assigned, therefore, refusing to repay the amounts. Instructed the Hindus to take legal proceedings against SUMNER. Ascertained that there were about 20 Hindus working on Farms at Matsqui. At Clayburn there were 37 Hindus working for the Clayburn pressed Brick Company at wages \$1.55 per day. No distress cases. Returned to Mission at 4.50 p.m. and left at 5.10. p.m. for Aggasiz, and put up at the Bella Vista Hotel.

SUNDAY, Nov. 28th, 1909.

Started enquiries at 8 a.m. and found nine Hindus working on a farm here at \$1.00 per day and all found. Learned that there were about 100 Hindus at Harrison Mills. All trains cancelled, so could not leave for Harrison Mills.

MONDAY, Nov. 29th, 1909.

Left Aggasiz at 10. a.m. on emergency train, and arrived Harrison Mills at 11 a.m. Started enquiries and found that there were about 60 Hindus working for the Rat Portage Lumber Company, wages \$1.50 day. The Mills have shut down to-day, and the Hindus discharged, the Mills will re-open again in the Spring. All Hindus are making for Vancouver, and are provided with funds. There are no cases of distress or sickness among them. It is raining very hard, wash-outs and landslides are reported all over the line. Intend leaving for Chilliwack by this evening's Boat. Left Harrison Mills at 6.p.m. and arrived Chilliwack 7 p.m. Put up at the Royal Hotel

MONDAY TUESDAY November 30th, 1909.

Left the Hotel at 8 a.m. and proceeded to the Patterson Eckert Lumber Co. in the town, and found that they had 20 Hindus working for them at \$1.50 day, but discharged them on the 27th. inst., and shut down the Mill for the winter. Proceeded to Sardis 3 and a half miles from the Town, and saw about 50 Hindus living in two shacks. They had been engaged in the Hop-yards, but as the season was over, were now out of work. Saw one sick Hindu named HARNAM SINGH who had done no work for the past six months. HERNAM was out of work and living on his countrymen. Arranged with his fellow-Hindus to take him down to Vancouver and ship him to India by the next "Empress". The amount necessary for this undertaking was subscribed, and they arranged to send him to Vancouver at the first opportunity. Hernam Singh has been over three years in Canada, contracted Rheumatism a year ago, and has been ill on and off ever since. Mr. Harry Hall, the Provincial Police Constable, says he has had some trouble with the Hindus, but not of a serious nature. In the course of my enquiry I found among the Farmers that many Hindus had been employed by them, but were found unable to cope with the work. There is a talk among the Hindu community here to return to India to bring out their families. BULWANT SINGH - the Priest of the Temple - had been in this district about three and a half months ago, and had exhorted these people to try and arrange to bring their families out from India, and colonize in this Country. Returned to the town at noon.

WEDNESDAY, December 1st, 1909.

Left the Hotel in a rig for Vedder River and Sardis, about 7 miles out, on arrival found 30 Hindus working on a Bridge which had been washed away on the Vedder River. Ascertained that beyond the temporary employment they ~~xx~~ were at present engaged in, they would have nothing to do until the Spring. The majority of them are well provided with funds, while about ten of them will return to Vancouver on the completion of the work they are at present engaged in. Returned to Chilliwack at noon. Intend leaving for Vancouver by tomorrow's boat, all traffic is reported stopped on the Railroads owing to wash-outs and landslides, and the only way out of Chilliwack is by Steamer.

THURSDAY, December 2nd, 1909.

Left at 5.30 a.m. by bus from Hotel for s.s. "BEAVER". HARNAM SINGH AND TWO OTHER HINDUS ON BOARD. Arrived Westminster 5. p.m. and came on to Vancouver.

FRIDAY, December 3rd, 1909.

At 9 a.m. proceeded to Mr. MacGill's office and reported the facts to him. Arranged a passage for HARNAM SINGH on the "Empress of China" leaving on 15th. inst., fare paid by his countrymen. Intend leaving to-morrow 9.50 a.m. for Revelstoke. Received further advance of \$50.00 from Mr. MacGill. Submitted a bill of expenses for \$19.25.