

C O P Y O F D I A R Y:

Saturday, December 4th, 1909.

Left Vancouver at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at Revelstoke midnight. Put up at the C.P.R. Hotel.

Sunday, December 5th, 1909.

Left the Hotel at 10 a.m. and proceeded to the City. All places of business being closed could not ascertain the whereabouts of Hindus. Called on the Chief of Police and learned that there were about 50 Hindus in the City employed by the Bowman Lumber Co. and the C.P.R. There were no distress cases amongst them, although a few were out of work. Returned to the Hotel at 1 p.m.

Monday, December 6th, 1909.

Left the Hotel at 8 a.m. and proceeded to the C.P.R. Yards and found 15 Hindus working at the Coal Chute and around the Yard. Wages \$1.50 day. From Hira Lal - an educated Hindu - I learned that he was aware of the case where two Hindus were alleged to have been shot by a white man on the Arrow Lakes. He stated that he instructed Messrs. Briggs & Scott, Barristers of this City, to take legal proceedings against a Mr. W.C. Martin for the recovery of damages for causing hurt to ~~the~~ two Hindus named Mehmul & Dulloo. That Mr. Martin had sent down the sum of \$142.00 through his Solicitors Messrs. MacDonald & Winn of Rossland, B.C. and that after the Hospital and Doctor's expenses had been deducted as well as the Solicitor's fee, the sum of \$85. had been sent down to the two Hindus in Vancouver. Mr. Briggs of the firm of Briggs & Scott confirmed the statement, and stated that the whole affair was an accident, for which Mr. Martin had made ample restitution. In the afternoon proceeded to the Bowman Lumber Company and found 23 Hindus working in the Mill at \$1.50 per day. One Hindu named Bhola Singh left to-day for Vancouver, en route to India, assisted the purchase of his Steamer ticket at the local office. In the course of my enquiries among the Hindus working for the C.P.R. I learned from five of them, viz:- Debi Chand, Buckseesa, Lal Singh, Basant Singh and Beer Singh that a Hindu named Harnam Singh employed as Boss by the C.P.R. was levying blackmail on each of them to the extent of \$5. a month, for securing them their present employment. They are unable to speak English hence their inability to bring the matter before the white Foreman. I wrote Mr. MacGill on this matter and asked if I may bring the matter to the notice of the Divisional Supt. Returned to the Hotel at 5 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7th, 1909.

Left Revelstoke at 10 a.m. and arrived at Arrowhead at noon, where there was only one Lumber Mill in operation and which was to close down at the end of the week, and put 33 Hindus out of work, another Mill at this place had burnt down a short time ago, and put 30 Hindus out of work. These had gone down to Vancouver. Boarded the Steamer for West Robson en route to Rossland. From the Officers of this Boat I learned that shooting took place on the s.s. "Kootenay".

Wednesday, December 8th, 1909.

Arrived in Rossland this morning at 3 A. M. Left the Hotel at 10 A. M. and called on Mr W. C. Martin, Hardware Merchant in this City and ascertained from him that on the 24th of October last he was a passenger on the S. S. Kootnay proceeding to McAllister's Landing, that at about 4 A. M. he arrived at destination but just as he was on the point of landing a fellow passenger, name unknown warned him of a wild Bull loose at this place which had attacked several people, that he thereon took out his gun from its case put it together and put in two shells, he laid the gun on the floor to pick up his overcoat and while doing so someone hustled past him and the gun suddenly went off. One of the barrels had been discharged and the charge shot into a grip belonging to a Chinaman while a few pellets went into the legs of a couple of Hindus who were asleep close by. He had the Hindus attended to by a Doctor and let them proceed on their journey and subsequently heard that they had been admitted into the Revelstoke Hospital. A few days after he received a letter from the firm of Briggs & Scott on behalf of the Hindus demanding compensation, he thereon consulted his Solicitors Messrs MacDonald & Winn and on their advice sent \$142-00 an acknowledgement of which he received showing the following disbursements:-

Hospital Bill	\$27-00
Doctor's Charges	15-00
Solatium to Dulloo	25-00
" " Mehmul	60-00
Mr Briggs' fee	15-00
Total	\$ 142-00

The Hindus were absolute strangers to Mr Martin and the affair was a pure accident.

There are 5 Hindus in this City out of work and will be leaving for Revelstoke, they have funds to carry them through this Winter.

Intend leaving for Grand Forks to-morrow.

Thursday, December 9th, 1909.

Left Rossland at 9 A. M. and arrived Grand Forks at 5 P. M. no enquiries made as it was too dark.

Friday, December 10th, 1909.

Left the Hotel at 8 A. M. and proceeded to Weston a mile out of the City and there found 13 Hindus working for the Great Northern Railway at \$1-50 a day. In the course of conversation that there were about 200 Hindus distributed between Grand Forks, Eholt, Fisheman & Phenix, of this number about 100 had gone to Vancouver for the Winter and from among that number about 10 intended going back to India to bring out their families or relatives. That Teja Singh had been here some 6 months ago and had advised them to try and get their friends and relatives to come out to this country and that it would be necessary for them to send \$200-00 which sum would have to be shown

on their arrival in Vancouver but ~~which~~ could be recovered from them as soon as they landed. Further instructions were to the effect that if they were unable to secure a boat to Vancouver they could leave by the Japanese Boats and land in Seattle where ^{landing} ~~would~~ not be refused as they had would have \$200-00 with them after which it would be easy to come across into Canada.

The Hindus here are principally engaged as section hands on the C.P.R. G? N. R. & the Kettle Valley Railway at wages of \$1-50 to \$2-00 a day. There are quite a few employed by farmers who found them work cheaper and better than Chinamen. Learnt from the Chief of Police here that the Hindus were no trouble to the white people and had been able to adapt themselves to the conditions of the place. In the course of conversation with local Officials I came to understand that the Hindus had been found competent in the Railway and Orchard work and were well adapted for Farm work and looking after Cattle.

No sickness or distress cases in this City, 7 Hindus out of work here.

Saturday December 11th, 1909.

At 9 A.M. proceeded to the C.P.R. Round House and found 10 Hindus and there were 15 others reported to be further along the line. These men gave me the same information as those working for the G. N. R. re Teja Singh. They further added that Teja told them that he was on a tour through the whole country advising Hindus to bring their relatives and friends out to this country where there was plenty of work and lots of money, in consequence of which several of them had sent \$300-00 to relatives, in proof of which they produced receipts from the Post Office and local Banks, and expected their people out here in April or May next.

Left Grand Forks at 3-15 P.M. for Nelson.

Sunday December 12th, 1909.

Arrived in Nelson 4 A. M. This being Sunday and all business closed I could not make enquiries. Walked around the City to try and locate some Hindus and came across one who stated he was working for the Yale Columbia Lumber Co and ascertained from him that up to April last there were some 30 Hindus working in the same Mill but that some kind of a prejudice arose and all were discharged and white men and Japanese taken in their place but his services were not dispensed with as he had been in the Mill for the past 3 years. He stated that there were about 8 Hindus in the City working for the C.P.R. and could be seen to-morrow.

Monday December 13th, 1909.

Left the Hotel at 8 A. M. and proceeded to the C.P.R. Yard found 7 Hindus working as section men at \$1-50 per day. Ascertained from them that there were four Hindus in the Provincial Jail at Nelson convicted of assault and robbery at Fernie and sentenced to 9 months imprisonment.

Proceeded to the Provincial Jail and learned from Mr W. R. Jarvis, Warden, that there were 4 Hindus in his institution of these 3 viz Hazara Singh, Tael Singh and

and Bahadur Singh had been sentenced on the 25th of October last at the Fernie Assizes by Chief Justice Hunter to nine months imprisonment each for assaulting one Badawa Singh at Cranbrook. That the original charge was for robbery with ~~violence~~ violence but had been found guilty of assault only. The fourth man named Gaenda Singh had been convicted by the City Magistrate of Cranbrook for common assault and sentenced to three months imprisonment. Mr Jarvis stated he had some difficulty feeding these men owing to their religious prejudices and intended recommending the deportation of the three from Fernie but could not fill in the necessary forms as they could not speak English. I filled in the forms for Mr Jarvis after interrogating the prisoners but could not determine the Boats on which they came out as they did not know the names, and these particulars can only be ascertained on reference to the manifests at Vancouver. Mr. Jarvis will send the recommendations to the Supt of Immigration for orders, and the manuscript will be sent down to Vancouver for me to fill in. In the course of conversation with Hindus I learned that Teja Singh had circulated among them that he was going on a mission to London and then to India to lay the matter of Hindu Emigration before the Authorities, and that he intended using all the influence possible to induce the Govt. of India to permit Hindus to come out to this country when provided with the necessary amount of money. It is stated that at Cranbrook there are a few Hindus now working for the Liske-Johnson Lumber Co. but that there were about two hundred between Cranbrook and Fernie, and of this number about one hundred or more had gone back to Vancouver for the winter. The white people in this part of the country do not favor the employment of Hindus, and it is stated that a great number of them are addicted to drink. As far as I am able to gather there are no cases of distress in this City or round about. Left Nelson 7.45 p.m. for Revelstoke.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14th, 1908.

On Board s.s. "Kootenay" started enquiries among the Officers of the boat and found that Captain Alfsmo and Chief Officer Wasson both bear out the statement of Mr. W.C. Martin, but stated that Mr. Martin got off at Fire Valley, and was going to walk across to McAllister's Landing. Arrived Arrowhead 3.50 p.m. proceeded to Revelstoke, arrived there 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15th, 1908.

Left the Hotel at 10 a.m. proceeded to the C.P.R. Yards, and found that the Hindu named Harnus Singh, accused of blackmailing had left and gone to Vancouver, as he feared dismissal and prosecution. Learned from local Hindus that there were very few of their countrymen left at Golden, as the majority of them had gone down to Vancouver, this leaves no necessity for visiting Golden. Decided to leave for Vancouver to fill all particulars re three Hindu prisoners at Nelson. Left Revelstoke 6.50 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 16th, 1908.

Arrived Vancouver. 12.30 p.m. and reported matters to Mr. MacGill.

Sgt. Wm. C. Hopkinson