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Canada VANCOUVER. B.C.

26th April 1910

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my letter of the 22nd inst. I beg to state that a mass meeting of Hindus was held at the Sikh Temple on Sunday the 24th inst. In the absence of Teja Singh, Mr. Tarak Nath Dass took the chair.

At the start of the meeting objection was taken by the Sikh community to Uday Ram and his party being present and the latter had to leave and proceed to the house of Mr. G.D. Kumar where his followers were addressed by Kumar, Tarak Nath Dass and H.A. Falcherkar, and resolutions adopted to petition the Government of Canada to remove the present restriction on Hindu immigration, copy of the petition to be forwarded to the Government of India, the Home Government, and the Khalsa Diwan, Amritsar, India, and also some of the native Princes and ~~native~~ Indian members of the Council of the Government of India.

It was further resolved to furnish Mr. Teja Singh with a copy of the ^{petition} ~~conditions~~ and send him as a delegate to England where he would in consultation with other Hindus there do the best he could for the removal of the immigration restriction in this Country against Hindus who are

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British Subjects.

The committee of the Sikh Temple on being advised of these resolutions endorsed them and moved that the Hindus in this Country raise a subscription to defray the expenses of the undertaking and the Temple would guarantee any amount up to \$1,000.00 to further this agitation.

The differences between Taja Singh's followers and that of Uday Ram cannot be patched up owing to their religious prejudices, but although the meeting was held at Kumar's house and the principals were Uday Ram's party, still the Sikh Temple could not but endorse their resolutions in as much as the object was for the betterment of all the Hindus in this Country leaving aside ~~the~~ any question of caste.

Tarak Nath Dass undertook to have the meeting reported to the Hindus in the United States through the medium of the "Free Hindustan".

Another matter that was brought up before the meeting was the question of giving a welcome to the Gaekwar of Baroda on his arrival here and also to approach

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him with a prayer to use his influence and try and have the immigration restrictions removed.

The two men Bhag Singh and Soonder Singh members of the Sikh Temple before leaving for India will be furnished with papers to the Khalsa Diwan at Amritsar India, and also to some influential natives on the subject of Hindu immigration to Canada. Copies of all proceedings in the local Temple affecting Hindus are always sent to the Khalsa Diwan at Amritsar for information.

I am on the lookout for any further developments and will report later.

Yours obediently,

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