

Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, 12th July, 1910.

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A. B. Scott to _____
Sir,

I return to you herewith the carbon copy of your letter of the 7th inst. to Lord Lansborough and papers attached thereto.

The man Rahim, referred to in this correspondence arrived at Vancouver as a tourist passenger on the S.S. Moana, 14th Jan., 1910, and was admitted as a tourist desiring to visit Montreal, but five months later, finding that Rahim had returned to Vancouver and was apparently settling there, our Agent wrote to him calling his attention to his position under subsection 10, of sec. 33 of the Immigration Act. In response to the Agent's letter Mr. Rahim went to see him and stated that his home had been in Delhi, where his father carried on a drygoods business. This business had been sold and for a number of years past Rahim had been living on his money, travelling from place to place, going finally to Honolulu, where he remained 17 months before his visit to Canada. After entering Canada as a tourist and visiting Montreal, he returned to Vancouver and started business in that city, taking the management of the Canada-India Supply and Trust Co., Ltd., a company incorporated under the laws of British Columbia, in which he bought shares. The Company appears to carry on a real estate business exclusively, under the management of some members of the Hindu community in Vancouver. Our Agent at Vancouver in reporting the case on the 15th ultimo stated as follows:-

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"He (Rahim) is now desirous of remaining in the city and, though ignorant of the provisions of our Act in such cases, when the same was brought to his attention, applied for leave under the section above referred to. At the same time he intimated that should this not be given, he should fight the matter in the courts. Rahim has much more than the necessary money and his case appears to fall entirely under the provisions of P.C. 920."

What is meant by "P.C. 920" is the order-in-council of the 9th of May, 1910, relating to "continuous journey".

In reply to the Agent's report I informed him by letter dated 22nd ultimo, that it must be considered that Mr. Rahim was not legally in Canada, and that he should be advised to this effect, although I was not then prepared to say what action would be taken by the Department in his case, although there was no doubt that he was liable to deportation according to the strict letter of the law. No further action than this has been taken and none is contemplated that I am aware of.

Your obedient servant,

(Sd.) W. D. Scott.

Superintendent of Immigration.