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Sir,

In the case of one HARNAM SINGH a Hindoo who at a recent Board of Enquiry held by Mr. MacGill has been rejected and found not to have been legally landed in Canada, the Leaders of the Hindoo Community here are taking a great deal of interest in the matter. They have employed Counsel for the defence of the man and it is their intention to appeal to the Courts, should the Minister (to whom an appeal has already been submitted) uphold the finding of the Board of Enquiry at this Port. The costs for this intended appeal are being raised by subscription from the Hindoo community and G.D. Kumar is the man who is making strenuous efforts to secure the amount that will be necessary.

Further with regard to this present case I have received information to the effect that G.D. Kumar, H. Rahim and a few other leaders of the community are preparing a Petition against me and will do their best to oust me from my present employment if possible. Mr. MacGill has already reported this information to Superintendent Mr. Scott on the 14th inst.

There is at present a great deal of unrest among the leaders of the Hindoo community, who I am given to understand will do their best in every case that comes up to question the laws and regulations under the Immigration Act, as will appear

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from the two present cases, viz : - H. RAHIM and HARNAM SINGH; separate reports in each case having been sent by Mr. MacMill to the Superintendent at Ottawa.

In conclusion I would state that Kumar, through the medium of his paper "Swadesh Sevak" copies of which I have furnished you monthly, is giving a great deal of prominence to the Immigration Law and to the alleged unjust treatment of his community. The issue for this month, which is not yet out of the press, has I believe quite a deal about the case of Harnam Singh and Rahim, and as the matter is printed in the Vernacular I am unable to give you a full and detailed account, but at the same time I would ^{beg to} request that if possible translations of the paper be secured and it will then be seen to what extent he is raising discontent amongst the Hindoos here.

Yours obediently,

(Sgd) W.C. HORTON.

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Ottawa.