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W.W. Cory Esq., C.M.G.

Deputy Minister of the Interior,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that on the 17th inst. HARI SINGH and RAJA SINGH waited on the Premier on behalf of the local Hindu Committee. They represented that there were a number of greivances owing to undue restrictions placed on them by the Dominion Immigration Officers. They particularly objected to Hindus from outside being debarred from coming in to do ordinary business or visit relations here.

As a result of the interview a petition is now being gotten up on the grounds that Hindus, who although residents of the United States, claim still to be British subjects, are debarred from entering Canada to transact ordinary business, visit relatives and prosecute their studies.

They cite several instances one of which is the case of Harnam Singh, already reported to you.

The Hindus say that they do not see why, as British subjects, they should be placed in a position inferior to Germans

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and other Continental races.

The petition has about a few hundred signatures.

A recent Hindu arrival in this City is a man named Hari Singh, M.A. from London, England, the same man who interviewed the Premier. I am unable to ascertain the route by which he came but am sure he did not arrive on any of the trans Pacific steamers. This man has more or less taken the place of Teja Singh, who is now believed to be in India and retired from his office in the Guru Nanak Mining & Trust Co. Ltd. Mr. MacGill has written the Superintendent advising this man's arrival and enquiring if he has been permitted to enter under the tourist class.

The petition against me, I am informed has been forwarded to the Superintendent of Immigration by G.D. Kumar.

Yours obediently,

(Signed)

W.C. HOPKINSON.