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Dear Sir,

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I ~~would like~~ to report that a petition has been gotten up by the Leaders of the Hindhu Community here in furtherance of an interview with the Premier during his recent visit to this City. The petition contains grievances to a great extent against the Canadian Immigration Act and more in particular with regard to the restrictions as affecting the Hindus. A great many of this Community have recently landed in San Francisco and from information I learn that there is quite an exodus from India to that Port, and the objective in about 50 per cent of these cases is Canada. With the present regulations they cannot find entry here, and are using all their influence to, if possible, have the restrictions removed.

The principals in the case appear to be HIRA SINGH, M.A. (a recent arrival from England) the Port of entry unknown; RAJAH SINGH, H. RAHIM, G.D. KUMAR and one (Dr.) SOONDER SINGH. Hira Singh has taken the place of Teja Singh to a great extent and is controlling the interests of the Community here, with the assistance of the above mentioned.

For some time past the Police in this City have been on the look out for a certain class of Hindus of a very immoral

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character and after the elapse of nearly four months they have at last succeeded in securing evidence and arresting four Hindus, to wit, HARRI SINGH, DAHL SINGH, SANT SINGH and INDER SINGH in one of the down town shacks in this City in company with *2 white men and a boy^{one}* *Charged so doing*. The Police found it very difficult to arrest these men, as they put up a fight and assaulted the Police with sticks, clubs, knives and a large butcher's cleaver, and it was only after the assistance of some *8* of the Police officers that two Detectives were able to take them into custody.

It was not so very long ago that two Hindus were sent to Jail over the same crime, and within the last two weeks another one was committed to take his trial at the coming Assizes. The four Hindus in the present instance have also been committed for trial, and I shall watch their cases right through and if deportable submit the usual forms on conviction.

Yours obediently,

(Signed)

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