

90. Statements by Balwant Singh and Kartar Kor, 21 January 1911

**BALWANT SINGH.** Stated.

I am a Sikh. Came to Canada 19th. June 1906, on "Empress of India" I think. Have lived here 3½ years. Worked a little while at the Rat Portage Mill. Was then made priest of the Sikh Temple. Held that office 2½ years. I left 28th. October 1909, going back to my village Khorud Pore in Jallunder. I am the son of Bud Singh. I had no permission from Ottawa to return, but I consulted Lawyer McLeod, and these papers were prepared. Papers produced (exhibit "X") I left Calcutta last June on a China boat. Bought my tickets in Calcutta for Hongkong. I stayed in Hongkong about 6 months. Could not buy tickets to bring my family here. At last I got three tickets and came on by this steamer. I have my wife and two children. Her name is Kartar Kor, aged 25. I am 30. My first wife died. She was Dhin Kor, the daughter of Naran Singh, of Bainoh. I married her when she was 13. I was 18 then too. I married my present wife 9 years in Noor Pore in the District of Hoshiarpore. My children are a girl Udum Kor, aged 4½, and a little girl Haranjum Koro, aged 1. I want to stay in Canada. Cannot say whether I shall ever return to India or not. If my wife cannot land I will go back to see her. I want to stay here. I brought them here because I want to stay here. I tried to get a through ticket and come by through passage. When I bought the second tickets in Hong Kong I knew it was against the law to come to Canada on two tickets in this way.

Kartar Kor, my wife is 25. She is the daughter of Goor Joor Singh, of Nowrapore in the District of Hoshiarpore. This is my wife.

**KARTAR KOR,** stated.

This is Balwant Singh, my husband. I married him when I was 18 years old and lived with him in his village Khud



Khurudopore. These are our children Udum Kore and Narajun Kor, aged 4 and 1 respectively. My husband came to Canada about 4 years ago. The older girl was born after he left. He returned two years ago. We left our village 9 or 10 months ago and were in Calcutta for two or three months and were in Hong Kong for two or three months. We had two lots of tickets Calcutta to Hongkong and Hongkong here.