

Vancouver, B.C., June 17th 1914.

Malcolm R.J. Reid, Esq.,
 Chairman of the Board of Enquiry,
 Immigration Office,
 Vancouver, B.C.

NAME

Date of Reserve
Judgment.

Hakum Singh (son of Ram)	2nd June,
Harnam Singh (son of Suchit)	2nd June,
Mela Singh (son of Achur)	10th June,
Gurdit Singh (son of Char)	10th June,
Rattan Singh (son of Ditto)	10th June,
Indor Singh (son of Vasava)	10th June,
Kartar Singh (son of Brian)	10th June,
Nar Singh (son of Surmookh)	11th June,
Wazir Singh (son of Santok)	11th June,
Narain Singh (son of Natha)	11th June,

Sir:-

A number of cases have already been before you of the men alleged to be physically unfit. In these cases you have reserved judgment. These men arrived here on the 22nd day of May last, and the manner in which these cases are being conducted are not in accordance with the provisions of the Immigration Act. Section 33, s.s. 4, requires that these men shall forthwith be examined, and that they shall be immediately landed or rejected by the Board of Enquiry. Now for some purpose or other, or under instructions, your Board of Enquiry is delaying these matters. Our instructions are to bring the matter to the attention of the Court immediately and to apply for a mandamus to compel your Board to bring in judgment on the cases already heard. It is improper to reserve one case and go on with the other cases depending upon the same matter, as the evidence in one will no doubt influence the decision in another case.

It may be urged as an excuse by you that some of these Hindus refused to come on shore for a few days. As a matter of fact, we all know that no time was lost by your Department by reason of this, and that your Department very gladly took advantage of the few days of delay that was occasioned to these men by Mr. Gurdit Singh refusing to allow them to come on shore.

Your Department by its action in refusing to allow consultation with solicitors on board the ship, or refusing to allow the writer to board the ship, has gone much beyond your power and right and extended the delays in the manner complained of.

This letter applies more particularly to the cases now under advisement by your Board.

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Awaiting your immediate reply, we are,

Yours truly,

MacNeill, Bird, Macdonald & Darling,

per "J. Edward Bird"