

[Ed Stevenson, Saskatchewan Executive Committee, Trades and Labour Congress of Canada, Moose Jaw, to Lord Elgin, Secretary of State for the Colonies, Downing Street, London, England]

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Saskatchewan Executive Committee,
Trades and Labour Congress of Canada,
Moose Jaw, Canada,
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The Hon. Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street, London, England.

Honourable Sir,

I desire to draw your attention to the
landing of undesirable British subjects on the Pacific
coast of Canada, which unjustifiable immigration threatens
serious complications and is posing in all western Canada.

Large numbers of Hindus are being per-
suaded in India to sell their belongings and emigrate to
Canada on the promise of employment of high wages.

While it is true that the phenomenal development in the
West might create this class of labour, the working men
of Canada are unanimous in protesting against such competi-
tion. Our standards of living, which have been gained
by many bloody years of self-sacrifice and painstaking
efforts, are in jeopardy from the importation of such
un-desirable subjects. Canadian workmen are not now
justly compensated for their major, vital part in the
creation of national prosperity. Instead, by their cost
and mode of living, representing a social and industrial
system in a predominating Anglo-Saxon community which,
by such importation of Hindus as this time, will result
in a worse financial depression than the South African
Boer labour problem. What has been discovered of
Hindu moral character is the opposite to what is true in
the greater degree of the Indian and Chinese. National
association

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