

[Henry W. Gwyther, Hindu interpreter, to Malcolm R. J. Reid, Dominion
Immigration Agent]

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The Immigration Agent,
Vancouver, B. C.

Sir,

I have the honour to report for your information,
that as requested, I attended the meeting of the Khalsa
Social and United India League, called at the Dominion Hall
for Saturday evening, 20th inst.

Mr. Rahim took the chair at Mr. Gwyther's request
and announced that the meeting had been called for the
purpose of appointing delegates to be sent to India to
represent their troubles to the people there. He called
upon Mr. Kumar to address the assembly.

Mr. Kumar alluded to their position here
during the last six or seven years, without their families.
They had certainly made money but only against it is
gambling, drinking and immorality. It would be better
he said to remain in India with our families than to be here
under present circumstances.

In 1906 he said a law had been passed prohibiting
the emigration of Hindus to Canada unless they came direct,
knowing this was impossible. The Japanese were, however,
admitted to a certain extent each year with their families,
and the Chinese to any extent on payment of the head tax.

He informed them that a delegation to Ottawa had
been promised, that no hindrance to their entry and that of
their families would be offered.

Two Japanese firms, he said, and one Indian
Friendship Company were willing to run ships direct, but
notwithstanding the promise to the delegation the Hindus were
prohibited from entering.

Mr. Gopal who had been to South Africa reported
that the Hindus were having the same difficulty there said
Mr. Kumar, and Mr. Gopal had also predicted that the Hindus

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