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When the Sikhs lost their ruling power after the death of Maharaja Ranjit Singh, in 1839, India, who was called the land of the Five Rivers, lost us its last and best friend. In this paper, we do not want to discuss here in the name of maintaining the British Raj in the land of the Five Rivers, called Punjab, and we can prove this very fact by the speeches made at various times by the Hon. Viceroy and the Governor-General in India, the real representatives of His Majesty, the King George, and the late Queen Victoria and King Edward the VII.

In spite of all this loyalty and devotion, to the British Raj in India, the Sikh community as a whole never caused anything in return, as the Hon. Viceroy thought they were bound by their religion to be faithful and loyal to the Crown, yet we think it was also the duty of the Government, to safeguard the interests of those, from whom the British Government received a valuable service at the time of the Mutiny.

There were thousands of our countrymen, educated and uneducated who could get work sufficient to earn their living at home and live peacefully in their family, when they are called to leave their motherland, and other relatives, to march off their lives, and go away in foreign lands under the British flag, yet they suffer there no amount of abuse and oppression. In Canada they are not allowed to possess the citizenship of the country, though they are British subjects, of the same kind as those, who are the King of the Dominion of Canada, and to King George, who is the King of the Dominion of Canada, yet they are not entitled to vote in the Provincial, nor in the Municipality.

Canada, and this may be suffering a good deal at the hands of the Immigration Commission they are forbidding these little nations with their own and their relatives, no doubt because representing their grievances to the British sense of justice and fair play.

Lately one H. H. Stevens of Vancouver, B. C. has given a speech which has pleased into the hearts of the whole community of the Sikhs, not only in Canada, but also in India. We have seen in newspapers a few lines of his speech published in the daily News Advertiser of Vancouver, B. C. but with the object to put out in the minds of the Sikhs of the Sikh community in India, not only to show our readers to what an idea that he has said against the Sikhs giving thousands of miles away in foreign lands, far away from home.

This shows clearly how vitally H. Stevens has attacked the loyalty of the Sikhs as a whole towards the British Raj, in which he Stevens has not read the history of India under the British rule, otherwise he would not have dared to tell such a lie against the whole Sikh community in India. He repeatedly says that the Sikhs in India did help the British Raj at the time of Mutiny of 1857, not because they were afraid of Mohammedans being in minority in numerous districts rather they did it at the repeated request of the British Military Officers in India, and he was as such prove those facts by producing the original letters written by Lord Dalhousie and Sir Harry Lawrence to the British Officers and representatives of the British Government in India, to the effect of the Sikh Empire and officials which were officers written in the attitude of friendship with the weakest possible spirit, not only that, rather we can prove

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