

Copy of Diary [of William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector, re trip to Revelstoke and Enderby to assess situation of Hindus in those areas]

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Tuesday, January 18th, 1910.

Received a letter from a Hindu named Mira Lall at Revelstoke requesting me to come up and see him re some information he had for me. Left by the 8.15 P.M. train.

Wednesday, January 19th, 1910.

Arrived Revelstoke at 8.50 A.M. Interviewed Mira Lall and ascertained from him that he had received a letter from Hong Kong intimating the arrival on the 19th December 1909 at that port of more than 200 Hindus under the leadership of one Gunga Ram destined for San Francisco. Gunga Ram is the brother of one Bal Chandra in Vancouver, who is at present in California en route to meet his brother Gunga. Mira Lall was anxious to know if any of these Hindus if admitted into the United States would be permitted to enter Canada, as several had from his village were in the party. I informed Mira Lall that they would not be permitted to enter Canada and if found here would be deported to India. Left Revelstoke at 7.10 P.M. arrived Sicamous at 9.30 P.M. stopped over for the next train to Enderby which leaves at 10 A.M. to-morrow.

Thursday, January 20th, 1910.

Left Sicamous at 9.50 A.M. and arrived Enderby at 11 A.M. Visited the A.R. Rogers Lumber Co., and found 8 Hindus employed at \$1.50 a day, ascertained from them that there were very few Hindus left in the Okanagan country at the present time as all work was practically at a stand still during the winter and the Hindus had returned to Vancouver. No further information of interest gleaned and as there appears to be no necessity of visiting any of the other towns in this part of the country I left by the P.M. train for Vancouver.

Friday, January 21st, 1910.

Arrived Vancouver 2.30 P.M.

Wm. C. Hopkinson.

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