

Copy of Diary [William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector]

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THURSDAY, Nov. 28th, 1920.

Received advance of \$10.00 from Mr. Roswell.

FRIDAY, Nov. 29th, 1920.

Left by the 7.30 a.m. train, and arrived at Kamloops at 9.30 a.m. Had a look around and found about 16 Hindus working on farms in the vicinity at \$1.20 a day. The Hindus were, left Kamloops at 10.30 a.m., and arrived at Abbotsford at 10.45. Got up at the Commercial Hotel. Further enquiries and found 16 Hindus working on construction work for D.C.R. wages \$1.50 a day, proceeded to the Abbotsford Lumber Co. (five miles out) and there was about 70 Hindus at work. Wages \$1.75 to \$1.40 a day. The mill will close down on the 29th. Inst., and all men discharged. Still wages in February. All Hindus intend returning to Vancouver. Proceeded to Langford - 2 miles - and found 30 Hindus working on construction work at wages \$1.50 a day. At Abbotsford four Hindus named SANA, HILIA, HUNA, & OMBRO, complained of having lost cash respectively \$20, \$30, \$10, \$20, which they had deposited for safe keeping with a storekeeper named CHARLES HUNTER. This man had gone into liquidation and assigned, therefore, refusing to repay the amounts. Instructed the Hindus to take legal proceedings against HUNTER. Ascertained that there were about 50 Hindus working on farms at Kelowna. At Kelowna there were 37 Hindus working for the Chapman process Lumber Company at wages \$1.85 per day. To Victoria, returned to Kamloops at 4.50 p.m., and left at 6.15 p.m. for Agassiz, and put up at the Delta Hotel.

SATURDAY, Nov. 30th, 1920.

Started enquiries at 8 a.m., and found nine Hindus working on a farm here at \$1.20 per day and all found. Learned that there were about 120 Hindus at Harrison Mills. All trains stopped, so could not leave for Harrison Mills.

SUNDAY, Nov. 30th, 1920.

Left Agassiz at 10 a.m. on emergency train, and arrived Harrison Mills at 11 a.m. Conducted enquiries and found that there were about 60 Hindus working for the Set Perkins Lumber Company, wages \$1.40 day. The Mills have shut down to-day, and the Hindus discharged, the Mills will re-open again in the Spring. All Hindus are working for Vancouver, and are provided with funds. There are no news of sickness or sickness among them. It is raining very hard, windiest and landlides are reported all over the line. Intend leaving for Williamsburg by this evening's post. Left Harrison Mills at 6 p.m., and arrived Williamsburg 7 p.m. Put up at the Royal Hotel.

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