

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

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Saturday, December 6th, 1902.  
Left Vancouver at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at Revelstoke  
midnight. Put up at the C.P.R. Hotel.

Sunday, December 6th, 1902.  
Left the Hotel at 10 a.m. and proceeded to the City.  
All persons of business being closed could not excepting  
the members of the C.P.R. Called on the Chief of Police  
and learned that there were about 60 Hindus in the City  
employed by the Forest Ranger Co. and the C.P.R. There  
were no distress cases amongst them, although a few were  
out of work. Returned to the Hotel at 1 p.m.

Monday, December 8th, 1902.  
Left the Hotel at 8 a.m. and proceeded to the C.P.R.  
yard and found 25 Hindus working at the Coal Chute and  
around the yard. Payed \$1.50 day. Then drove to the  
Hindu - I learned that the two owners of the case  
about the Hindu were engaged to have been shot by a  
white man in the River below. He stated that he instructed  
at Kelowna, British Columbia, the Chief of Police, to  
take legal proceedings against a Mr. J.C. Martin for the  
recovery of damages for causing harm to the two Hindus  
named Mohan & Dillan. That Mr. Martin had sent down the  
sum of \$140.00 through his solicitors Messrs. Macdonald  
& Son of Vancouver, B.C. and that after the hearing  
and hearing's expenses had been deducted as well as the  
solicitor's fee, the sum of \$40.00 had been sent down to the  
two Hindus in Vancouver. Mr. Bridge of the firm of  
Bridge & Scott confided the statement, and stated that  
the whole affair was an accident, for which Mr. Martin  
had made ample reparation. In the afternoon proceeded  
to the Forest Ranger Company and found 25 Hindus working  
in the Mill at \$1.50 per day. One Hindu named Mohan  
Singh left today for Vancouver, en route to India,  
assisted the purchase of his steamer ticket at the local  
office. In the course of my enquiries among the Hindus  
working for the C.P.R. I learned from five of them, viz:-  
Deshi Chand, Subhroto, Lal Singh, Ganes Singh and Desh  
Singh that a Hindu named Horton Singh employed as Jones  
by the C.P.R. was levying blackmail on each of them to  
the extent of \$2.50 a month, for securing their present  
employment. They were unable to speak English hence their  
inability to bring the matter before the white Foreman.  
I wrote Mr. Deshili on this matter and asked if I may  
bring the matter to the notice of the Divisional Supt.  
Returned to the Hotel at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 9th, 1902.  
Left Revelstoke at 10 a.m. and arrived at Pritchard at  
noon, where there was still one Hindu Mill in operation  
and which was to close down at the end of the week, and  
put 25 Hindus out of work, another Mill at this place  
had burnt down a short time ago, and put 20 Hindus out  
of work. These had gone down to Vancouver. Started the  
steamer for West Kelowna en route to Kelowna. From the  
Officers of this boat I learned that shooting took place  
on the s.s. "Kootenay".

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