

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

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Saturday, December 4th, 1910.
Left Vancouver at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at Revelstoke
midnight. Put up at the C.P.S. Hotel.

Sunday, December 5th, 1910.
Left the Hotel at 10 a.m. and proceeded to the City.
All places of business being closed could not ascertain
the whereabouts of Hinds. Called on the Chief of Police
and learned that there were about 60 Hindus in the City
employed by the Brown Lumber Co. and the C.P.S. There
were no distress signs amongst them, although a few were
out of work. Returned to the Hotel at 1 p.m.

Monday, December 6th, 1910.
Left the Hotel at 8 a.m. and proceeded to the C.P.S.
Yards and found 28 Hindus working at the Coal Chute end
around the Yard. Page 1.80 day. From Hinds 1st - an
educated Hindu - I learned that he was aware of the case
about the Hindu boys thought to have been shot by a
white man on the Arden Lake. He stated that he instructed
at Hinds, Bridge & Scott, Solicitors of this City, to
take legal proceedings against a Mr. J.C. Martin for the
recovery of damages for causing hurt to the two Hindu
served Federal & Dallas. That Mr. Martin had sent down the
sum of \$147.50 through his solicitors Messrs. Macdonald
& Sims of Vancouver, B.C. and that after the Hon. J.C.
and Hinds's expenses had been deducted as well as the
Solicitor's fee, the sum of \$100 had been sent down to the
two Hindus in Vancouver. Mr. Bridge of the firm of
Bridge & Scott verified the statement, and stated that
the whole affair was an accident, for which Mr. Martin
had some moral responsibility. In the afternoon proceeded
to the Brown Lumber Company and found 28 Hindus working
in the Mill at \$1.50 per day. One Hindu named Mohan
Singh left today for Vancouver, en route to India,
and had the purchase of his Steamer ticket at the local
office. In the course of my enquiries among the Hindus
working for the C.P.S. I learned from five of them, viz:-
Joshi Shant, Subhroto, Lal Singh, Ganesht Singh and Bess
Singh that a Hindu named Horton Singh employed as Boss
by the C.P.S. was levying blackmail on each of them to
the extent of \$1. a month, for securing their present
employment. They are unable to speak English hence their
inability to bring the matter before the white Police.
I wrote Mr. DeWitt on this matter and advised if I may
bring the matter to the notice of the Divisional Supt.
Returned to the Hotel at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, December 7th, 1910.
Left Revelstoke at 10 a.m. and arrived at Sproule at
noon, where there was still one Hindu Hill in operation
and which was to close down at the end of the week, and
put 28 Hindus out of work, another Hill at this place
had closed down a short time ago, and put 20 Hindus out
of work. These had gone down to Vancouver. Boarded the
Steamer for West Island en route to Hazelton. From the
Officers of this boat I learned that shooting took place
on the s.s. "Kootenay".

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