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Sir,

On Saturday last, the 10th instant, there was held a meeting at the Sikh Temple at this City, on Second Avenue, which was attended by from two hundred to three hundred and fifty members of the Hindu community. After the usual ritualistic service a man named Kartar Singh, of village Buddia Chand, District Ferozepore, (educated) translated verbatim to the people present an article appearing in a newspaper called 'The Saturday Night' dated 2nd instant and entitled "Why the Pacific Coast fights shy of Oriental Immigration," by Agnes C. Laut.

Many comments were made on the article, and the attention was drawn to the statement that one million or more dollars had been sent to India to purchase rifles etc. The whole article was condemned, and a resolution passed that the agitation for admission of the wives and families of Hindus resident in Canada, be continued. To this end, one hundred names were secured with promises of subscriptions of \$15.00 each to start a fund to enable the community to send at least four representatives to England to lay their case before the imperial Government.

A long discussion took place regarding the men who were to be nominated to represent the community in the proposed delegation. Attention was drawn to the failure on the part of the educated members of the recent delegation in December last and it was emphatically laid down that, as far as possible the members of the proposed delegation should be selected from the uneducated class and should be entirely new men.

It further came out at the Meeting that Teja Singh intended returning to India in January next year; that he would either leave from Vancouver on the R.M.S. "Monteagle" sailing on the 22nd January, 1913, or go via the Old Country.

Your obedient servant
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