

THE PROVINCE

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 1914.

WITHIN THE LAW.

There is to be a meeting tonight in the Dominion Hall to protest against the possibility of the Hindus on the Komagata Maru being allowed to land in Vancouver. This is a mass-meeting and the protest to the authorities would naturally be unanimous. Whether it is wise to hold the meeting or not is another matter. Meetings are not always the best method of handling extremely delicate matters which are already before the courts. The oratory at meetings is not always strictly accurate and the points which receive the most applause are those which stir the blood.

The Province has consistently reiterated that Canada does not desire the immigration of the Hindus. There is no misunderstanding the position. But there is no need to exaggerate. The citizens of Vancouver are responsible people who recognize that the admission or non-admission of the Hindus on the Komagata Maru is a matter for the courts. Long ago it was announced this was to be made a test case and if the law was defective it should have been amended then and this trouble prevented. If the law is not defective then the Hindus can not be admitted, but under all circumstances the people of Vancouver will, it is hoped, act within the law. At the very worst if the Hindus are admitted there is no work for them to do and their countrymen will have to keep them from starving. Four hundred people more or less can not make such a terrific difference and they certainly do not warrant any talk of bloodshed or rioting. That is not the way Canadians behave. They uphold the law before all things and if the law is defective they amend it and make it effective.

There are rumors that another shipload of Hindus is coming. There was a ship chartered at Calcutta which was stopped by Lord Hardinge. Before taking for granted that this ship is now on its way further news should be waited. But in any case whether the ship is coming or not it is the law of the land which we beg the people of this city to uphold and not allow themselves to be carried away by prejudice. They live by and under the protection of these laws and must not allow themselves to be the first to despise and break them when they do not suit them. No one desires to see these Hindus landed as we have said, but if the law is defective then it is the law which must be amended and not broken in order to keep them out.

BETWEEN VILLA AND CARRANZA

The mediators at Niagara who originally set out to arrange the dispute between Huerta and President Wilson seem to be very likely to succeed in at least that portion of the negotiations. It all depends on Villa and Carranza. Like the old rocks of Scylla and Charybdis through which the ancient mariners had to steer, Villa and Carranza stand out from the waste of diplomatic exchanges, immovable and dangerous. The mediators who look for some chance

accepted are refused by the Constitutionalists and that President Wilson who has backed the latter can get nothing from them in return. If Huerta can crush Villa and his rebels in one big battle and break up their forces he will make confusion worse confounded than before.

BIRTHDAY HONORS.

Canada figures very largely in the birthday honors and congratulations are due to Sir Robert Borden, Sir George E. Foster and Sir Adam Beck. His Majesty has rewarded them for their services to Canada and the Empire in the only manner possible to majesty. There are many who sneer at titles—until they have the opportunity of receiving them—as being undemocratic. But titles are at least a mark of some achievement which distinguishes the recipient among his fellows. At worst if titles be bestowed for large subscriptions to party funds, as doubtless has been done by both British parties, these subscriptions are in lieu, as a rule, of other services which a rich man is unable to render. There is after all something in being able to build up a sufficient fortune to give largely to the party to which one belongs. Moreover, while it is quite possible the donator makes his gift with the definite object of a title in view, the money he gives is devoted to forwarding the policy of the party to which he belongs. Political parties can not exist without funds of some kind, and in Great Britain it has been customary to reward large subscribers to the party funds by a title. Many a man can give money, but nothing else, and he may be doing as good, if not better, work for his party in this way than the man who takes an active part in political work.

The present list of honors seems to be remarkably free from political bias. The Canadians who have received honors have certainly not contributed to the British Government's funds any more than have Lord Kitchener or Sir Edgar Vincent. The latter, by the way, is a staunch Conservative. It will be generally admitted that Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Foster richly deserve the honors given them for the work which they have done. Sir Robert Borden as Premier has done much for Canada which will raise him to a high place among her statesmen in the days to come, and Sir George Foster has been a great promoter of imperial trade.

Tango dancing in the surf is a popular splash among the bathers at Coney Island.

The sun may have freckles on his face, but the summer girl can remove hers with one cosmetic application.

On the occasion of his hundredth birthday, the friends of an Ontario man presented him with a "slumbering robe." R. I. P.

A baby was born on a street car in Edmonton the other day. The conductor was so excited that he forgot to ring up a half fare.

All things come to those who wait. An Oregon man has just won a bet of \$50 that he would not take a drink of liquor for 25 years.

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