

August 8th, 1913.

Honourable Dr. Roche,  
Minister of the Interior,  
O T T A W A.

Dear Sir;-

I regret having missed seeing you to-day but desire to call your attention, and through you, that of the Government to the threatened influx of Hindoos to the Pacific Coast. You will remember that last winter I drew the attention of the Government to the fact that a direct line of steamers was being placed in service between Calcutta and Vancouver, this, I understand, is about to be inaugurated. I am also informed upon good authority that one hundred thousand Hindoos are ready to imigrate to Canada. I desire to impress upon the Government the seriousness of this threatened influx and to urge that the strongest possible measures be adopted to stop the same.

I strongly recommend the adoption of the educational test, or an Order-in-Council declaring the Hindoo unsuited to local industrial, social and economic standards. I trust, Sir, that this will receive the Government's immediate consideration.

Yours truly,