

Saskatchewan Executive Committee,
Trades and Labour Congress of Canada,
Moose Jaw, Canada,
November 19th 1906.

The Hon. Secretary of State
for the Colonies,
Downing Street, London, England.

Honourable Sir,

I desire to draw your attention to the landing of undesirable British subjects on the Pacific Coast of Canada, which unjustifiable immigration threatens serious complications and ill feeling in all western Canada.

Large numbers of Hindoos are being persuaded in India to sell their belongings and emigrate to Canada on the promise of employment at high wages . While it is true that the phenomenal development in the West might absorb this class into labour, the working men of Canada are unanimous in protesting against such competition. Our standards of living, which have been gained by many plodding years of self-denial and painstaking efforts, are in jeopardy from the importation of such non-assimilable subjects. Canadian workmen are not now justly compensated for their major, vital part in the creation of national prosperity. Hindoos, by their cost and modes of living, constitute a moral and industrial menace in a predominating Anglo-Saxon community which, by much increase of numbers in this case, will result in a worse Imperial aggravation than the South African Coolie Labour troubles. What has been discovered of Chinese moral offences in the compounds is also true in far greater degree of the Indian immigrants. Medical

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examination at landing port of a party of two hundred and sixty of these latter proved every "man" to have gonorrhoea, over two hundred practised sodomy!

The excuse is made, at the instigation of large employers, that Hindoos being British subjects cannot be refused ingress to Canada. If then, the question is one for the British Government, we desire the prevention of an imminent forcible protestation from the proletariat.

Believe me, Sir, the situation demands your official action. I shall not assume that you are uninformed of the practical operation of Asiatic competition in Labour with white men, and therefore will not submit any ancient or modern history in this regard.

Trusting to receive acknowledgment of our emphatic protest, and of the Government's step to remove the cause.

I am, &c.,

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