

Immigration Branch

Department of the Interior

Canada VANCOUVER, B.C.

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Sir,

I beg to state that I have wired you ^{today} as follows : -

"Suren M. Bose Bengali Political agitator applied for admission via White Rock. Landed Vancouver at Cania December 1907. One month in Canada, balance of time in United States. Admission refused section 3 p.c. 920 and 926. Will apply to be admitted for fourteen days as tourist to lecture here and Victoria on soothing unrest and awakening of India. Threatens to wire Premier and Home Office."

In connection with this case I beg to report that at 7.30. a.m. this morning Inspector J.C. Cornish from White Rock brought up this Bengali Suren M. Bose for examination. I met ^{them} ~~that~~ at the Station and there interrogated this man and learnt from him that he had landed in Vancouver about the month of December 1907; that he spent four or five weeks in Vancouver and then went into the United States where he pursued studies in different Colleges and for the last year had been lecturing on India. I informed ^{him} ~~me~~ that he was not admissible as he had no Canadian domicile and under the present Act only people who had had three years previous residence could ^{attain such domicile and} be admitted to Canada, and in his case if he now applied for permission, it would be necessary to conform to p.c. Orders 920 and 926, - and I further told him that I had refused him admission under section 3 of the Immigration Act, giving him at the same time an outline of the contents of the

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Mr. Rahin, D.C. Kumar and a student named Bahary Lal Varma came up to the Depot and interviewed me with regard to the admission of Bose and I gave them the same reasons for my refusal. Rahin and Kumar at once went to the firm of Macrossan & Harper to try and see if they could get issued a writ of Habeas Corpus. As the train leaving for Seattle was due to go out at 10 o'clock, they had very little time within which to accomplish their intention, which, I am glad to say, was unsuccessful and Bose was taken out by Inspector Cornish on the 10 o'clock train. Before leaving I advised Bose to apply to the Superintendent of Immigration for permission to enter Canada, and that it was only through Ottawa that any permission could be granted. He thereon threatened to wire the Premier and Home Office in London.

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Mr. Rahin and Kumar were interviewing Bose with regard to his *lecture* Bose produced some hand bills, a copy of which I now enclose. From the hand bills it can be seen that this man is on a tour of lecture on the present conditions in India, and from the little conversation I had with him on the matter he deprecated the present conditions under the British rule in India.

When the train left with Bose, Kumar in the course of conversation with ~~him~~^{me}, gave me to understand that he is going to make

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trouble amongst his countrymen and also with the Department if it costs him all his fortune to do so. That the nature of the trouble is he did not give me to understand, but what he did actually say was - "that there was something radically wrong in the Immigration Department or amongst his countrymen; that British subjects who applied for admission to a British Territory are refused." As to what the outcome of this threat will be I cannot say but I have taken the precaution of letting you know in case he should write direct to Ottawa.

Yours obediently,

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