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W. C. Hopkinson to W. W. Cooy

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Sir,

I beg to confirm my wire of the 28th March last as follows:-

" Detected Rahim acting scrutineer for Socialist Party in
" Election to-day, has also voted name appears in voters list
" Have drawn the attention of Provincial authorities to his
" fraud with a view to arrest and prosecution. Hindus have no
" franchise. Am I at liberty to use his previous Japan record
" and expose his true character. Please advise."

To which I received a reply on the 29th of March as follows:-

" Your telegram twenty eighth, turn over record to attorney
" General for whatever use he may wish to make of it"

In connection with this matter I have to report that on the 27th of March last I received information to the effect that Rahim had made a boast among some of his countrymen that the following day is the 28th he would vote in the Elections. Early in the morning of the 28th I started a search for Mr Rahim and after visiting four of the Polling Stations in different parts of the city I at last located him in the Ward 4 Polling Station, in the city Hall. As this Station was the one at which I was to cast my vote I enquired for booth "H" and as I stepped into the one directed I came face to face with Rahim seated on a chair acting as a scrutineer. I cast my vote and he checked off my name and then I started making an enquiry as to his right to be in the booth. I soon ~~was~~ ascertained

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that Rahim's name was on the Voters list under number 2838, occupation, Real Estate Broker, and residing at 159 Pender East. He had been the first to cast his vote in his booth that morning.

With these facts in my possession I at once phoned Mr Reid and acquainted him with the situation. Mr Reid and myself then proceeded to the Hon. Mr W. J. Bowser, Attorney General of British Columbia, and to whom I related the facts. Mr Bowser being very busy the hour past 6 P. M. matters were deferred till the next morning when Mr McKay the Government Prosecutor at the instance of the Attorney General started an investigation.

On enquiry at the office of the Registrar of Voters it developed that a declaration had been signed by Rahim as "Houssein Rahim" before a Mr W. B. Flumerfelt, a Commissioner for taking Oaths in the Province of B. C. Mr Sampson, Chief of the Provincial Police swore out an information against Rahim for perjury and he was arrested by the City Police on a warrant issued by the Deputy Police Magistrate. The Police searched Rahim's house and recovered a lot of I. W. W. and Socialist literature, also a petition signed by over a hundred Hindus asking for the removal of Mayor Findlay from Office.

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The Police permitted me to go through his papers and with the above I also located a newspaper cutting on the preparation of Bombs, a Magazine cutting with the photographs of leading Indian agitators, some letters from England from the Editor and Manager of a Newspaper called the India, the letters do not bear the signature of any person and are signed thus "Yours The Manager" and "Yours The Editor", promising him assistance in the cause of the Hindus in Canada. The old note book was also found among a lot of others as well as the Minute Book of the Hindustani Association. The note books contain a lot of data which it will take some time to decipher as ~~xxxx~~ the writing is very illegible. The Minute Book has some interesting information regarding Hindu affairs and what they think of me and what charges they resolved to bring against me. The writing in the book is by Kumar and Rahim but unfortunately the resolutions adopted at the several meetings, although the gist is there, are not to be found anywhere.

Another matter of interest to the Government and on which I might lay special stress is as follows. Rahim is a member of the Socialist Party of Canada and has publicly identified himself with the Industrial Workers of the World (I. W. W.) as reported in my

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letter of the 22nd of February last when he secured the release on bail of some of these people. On going through all his papers I found Rahim's membership card identifying him with the Socialist Party of Canada also a book of receipts of this organization from which it would appear that Rahim has been collecting subscriptions from Hindus in Vancouver. Among the subscribers appear the under-noted Hindus, Bhag Singh, Balwant Singh, (Husbands of the two women whose case is before the Minister) Rajah Singh and Dr Sunder Singh (Hindu delegates to Ottawa) Munsha Singh, Karbar Singh and Buggae Khan (vide my report of the 22nd February last) and several other Hindus who have given from \$2.00 to 10.00 each bringing the total sum to over a hundred Dollars.

The Hindus have up to the present never identified themselves with any particular Political party and the introduction by Rahim of the socialist propoganda into this community, is, I consider a very serious matter, as the majority of these people are uneducated and ignorant and easily led like sheep by a man like Rahim. The danger to the country is not here but the question is what effect will all these Socialistic and Revolutionary teachings have on the

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people in India on the return of these men ~~am~~ primed with Western methods of agitation and Political and Social equality.

I have questioned some of the subscribers and they state that Rahim represented to them that he was collecting funds for some indigent and out of work white people but this would hardly stand against the fact that there is a petition signed by the same men as citizens of Vancouver calling on Mayor Findlay to resign his office.

I enclose herewith four copies of a cutting from the Vancouver Daily Province of to-day's date of what transpired at the Preliminary hearing before the Police Magistrate, the account is correct in details. Rahim is still in custody as Hindu bondsman for a Bail of \$10,000.00 have been refused and only white men will be accepted as sureties which practically means that Rahim will stay in custody till his case comes up before the next Court of Assize.

Please instruct me by wire as to whether the Government desire ~~that~~ any of the papers etc found in Rahim's house be taken possession of and forwarded to you.

Your obedient servant,

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