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Vancouver, July 16, 1914

Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst, I beg to advise you that from further sources in the Hindu community that in addition to the purchase of revolver in Victoria attempts have been made in Vancouver to do the same. I have made a personal ~~can~~ canvas of the Hardware stores, and find that Hindus have applied at altogether, about six <sup>firms</sup> firms. Of these six, J. Flett <sup>Flett</sup> Ltd of Hastings Street West, needs a little mention.

Ever since the "Komagata Maru" arrived in this Harbour, this <sup>firm</sup> firm have had no less than thirty to thirty-five of this colony apply for the purchase of automatic revolvers, and they have in every instance, been turned down, in view of this ~~description~~ or the fact that there is a law in effect that no weapon of the description a small arms can be purchased without a permit from the City Police Magistrate. This <sup>firm</sup> firm have also had an enquiry for the purchase of a "Bomb" but unfortunately the <sup>salesman</sup> salesman cannot recollect a <sup>description</sup> description of the man. This man when told that no such weapon of destruction was kept by this store, asked to be informed whether they was sold, and stated he was willing to pay \$100.00 either for the purchase, one or to learn the manufacture of same.

Last week, certain Hindus, about six in number, <sup>canvassed</sup> canvassed this City and its vicinity for recruits to return to India on the "Komagata Maru" and there in conjunction with those who have



arrived here on the ship, to conduct  
a campaign of agitation against  
the Government of India. I received  
this information some time ago,  
but was not in a position to verify  
same until today, when I learnt  
that the Department had received a  
request from C. Hardre Johnson & Co  
to afford the new charter, Rahim  
and Bhag Singh, an opportunity  
of visiting the "Kernagata Maru" to  
ascertain what accommodation was  
available for additional passengers.  
These men were negotiating for the  
sale of tickets to Hender who  
intended to take passage on the  
Kernagata Maru on its return trip.

Needles to say this request - being  
refused.

I will advise you of any further  
development in this connection.

Yours obediently  
W. W. Hopkins

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