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Sir:

I beg to transcribe for your information copy of communication received from the Managing Secretary of The Vancouver General Hospital:-

" I beg to advise you, for your information, of a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of this Hospital at monthly meeting held last evening.

This matter was brought up for discussion in view of the controversy existing with regard to the admittance of Hindus into Canada.

Since the early part of 1906, numbers have been admitted as patients to the Hospital. Statements have been rendered to the Hindu authorities here with a view towards the collection of the accounts, but they absolutely refused to pay, claiming that in India the Government provides for the care and treatment of the sick and they felt that it should be likewise in this country.

The Dominion Government was also approached through the local representative, but no arrangement whatever was ever come to towards receiving any grant or otherwise for the payment of these accounts.

The amount now outstanding for Hospital treatment of these patients to the end of May of this year, amounts to \$6,465.80 and the members of the Board are strongly of the opinion that should the Hindus continue to enter Canada, not only this Hospital but other charitable institutions throughout the country depending to a large degree upon the payment of its just debts will suffer even to a greater extent than in the past.

The resolution referred to reads as follows:-

"Whereas for the past seven years numbers of Hindus have had the care of this Hospital,

And whereas this Board has on several occasions endeavored to collect accounts due for their Medical and Surgical care and treatment,

And whereas no assistance has been received from the Hindus or the Dominion Government,

And whereas the Hindus residing in our City are raising a large amount of money to cover the charter fees of the steamer "Komagata Maru",

Be it resolved that a request be made to Rahim Singh, representing the local Hindu committee, for the payment of the accounts due the Hospital.

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with alarm the proposal to admit more Hindus into Canada, and protest most emphatically against any such relaxation of the present restrictions, and desire this to go on record now,

And further that copies of the above resolution be sent to Mr. H.H. Stevens, the local representative in the Dominion House and Mr. Malcolm Reid, Dominion Immigration Agent."

(Sgd. Geo. Haddon.

Managing Secretary.

You will note the special Resolution, and the fact that the Hospital authorities view with alarm the proposal to admit more Hindus into Canada, and protest most emphatically against any such relaxation of the present restrictions, and desire this to go on record now.

Your obedient servant,

Malcolm Reid
IMMIGRATION AGENT AND INSPECTOR

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