

Duncan, B.C. August 24th 1927

To the Honorable
The Minister of Immigration,
Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir,

We, the undersigned residents of Duncan, B.C., business and professional men, are writing you to request your aid on behalf of Ganda Singh, son of Bhulla Singh, a young man a native of India who has lived here for nearly three years. We would submit the following particulars:-

Ganda Singh came to this country as a student, coming by way of England and sailing from England on the S. S. Montcalm. He landed in St. John, N.B. in December, 1924. After coming he attended for a time the classes of the Sprott-Shaw College in Victoria B.C.

During the Autumn of the year 1925 he received permission to stay out of college to look after the business interests of his brother Mayo Singh who is the president and a large shareholder of the Mayo Lumber Company Limited. This Company owns quite a large saw mill in our district. Mayo Singh has now returned from his trip and Ganda Singh wishes to continue his business career, being as he is a director and the Secretary of the Company. It is the wish of the Company that Ganda Singh be granted this privilege.

We would ask and petition on behalf of Ganda Singh that you grant him the privilege and the right to remain in this country as a resident and that he be allowed to discontinue his attendance at college. We wish to say that we can recommend Ganda Singh. We have known him for the past three years during the time he has lived here and we wish to say he is a business man and he is a citizen that any country should be proud to own. He is a gentleman in every sense of the term.

We trust you will grant our request. Not only will it be to the advantage of Ganda Singh but it will be to the advantage of his brother Mayo Singh and the Mayo Lumber Company Limited. This firm is doing their part in the development of this district. They built their saw mill here in the year 1917 and they have been in business here since with a steadily growing business. We learn they now employ over 250 men and that last year they paid in wages over \$200,000.00 besides a large sum in other ways for machinery, supplies, etc. Last year they sawed over 24,000,000 feet lumber and shipped over 1000 car loads. We learn it is their intention to build another saw mill soon, they having already purchased machinery with this end in view. You will see that the operations of this Company is a source of revenue to our town and district. We wish to have them continued and the people encouraged who are at the head of this business.

Please favor us with an early reply that you are granting our request in that Ganda Singh be allowed to remain in this country as a resident and that he be allowed to continue in active business with the Mayo Lumber Company Limited and that in order to do so he be allowed to discontinue attendance at College.

And in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

(Signed)

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