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OFFICE OF
THE DEPUTY MINISTER OF IMMIGRATION
AND COLONIZATION
OTTAWA, CANADA.

4th October, 1927.

Dear Sir,

The Minister has requested me to acknowledge the receipt of the Petition signed by yourself and several other residents of the City of Duncan, B.C., on behalf of one Ganda Singh, son of Bhulla Singh, a native of India, and to inform you that the contents of the said Petition have received very careful consideration.

Ganda Singh was granted temporary entry to Canada in 1924 as the result of representations made on his behalf by his brother that he was proceeding to Canada for the purpose of completing his education at a Canadian university. As a matter of fact, Ganda Singh did not take a course at one of our universities but attended the Sprott-Shaw Business College in Victoria. He had been in Canada less than a year when an application was made for him to suspend his studies for a period of six months to look after his brother's interests in Canada whilst the said brother visited India. Favourable action was taken and several applications for extensions were granted. All parties concerned understood that the permanent landing in Canada of Ganda Singh could not be authorized. Despite this, application was later made for permanent entry but as Ganda Singh is unable to comply with the requirements of the law for permanent residence in Canada, the same must necessarily be refused.

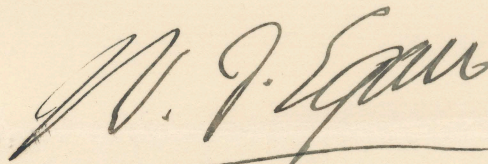
The Department has given this case every consideration and, in fact, has dealt more than fairly both with Ganda Singh and his brother. We are repeatedly receiving applications for the admission to Canada of East Indians who cannot comply with the requirements of the Immigration Act and it is the policy of the Department to deal absolutely impartially in these matters. We cannot consistently admit one man in violation of the law and reject another. Nothing would more quickly tend to cause discontent amongst the East Indian residents of British Columbia if such a course were pursued.

His Worship the Mayor,
Duncan, B.C.

It is

It is regretted that favourable action cannot
be taken on the Petition referred to.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "N. J. Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends across the width of the signature.

Deputy Minister.