

[A. S. Munro, Immigration Agent, to William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration re Hindu immigrants in Vancouver, need shelter. Telegram. Copy]

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To W. D. Scott,
OTTAWA.

Hindus are leaving United Victoria near in Vancouver about six hundred out of work not a single building existing for rent in Vancouver. Hindus caused that week in many exposed to cold and wet. Civil authorities on Saturday ordered Hindus to be in all buildings now occupied by them except if unsuitable conditions. Hindus erected large tent holds are built and equipped it with sanitary arrangements. Tents near shelter and useless to avoid any harm. I visited large factory at Tacoma and since from here, Hindu five hundred will cost five hundred dollars at least to make it suitable heating equipment for cooking and heating. Rent fifty dollars per month. Have two hundred Hindus in it now and expect by Wednesday to have all improved for winter shelter. Expect about five hundred will get work within a month or better construction near Vancouver. Contractors have promised it. Hindu struggle due to absolute lack of housing accommodation. If further immigration continues impossible that suitable shelter be arranged for all here. Private parties offer to erect large buildings if assured of continued immigration, but could not have it ready sooner than two months. Several within the Federal Dept. should assist in solve present shelter problem.

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