

[Extract from William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector, to William D. Scott,
Superintendent of Immigration. Copy]

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Sir,

I beg to state that information has been received here by Hindus that efforts are being made to secure transportation for intending Hindu immigrants to Canada, by way of Colombo (Ceylon) on the Blue Funnel line of boats, which call at that Port. Now for this matter has been arranged it cannot be gathered, as information on that point is scarce. I am however investigating and will let you know any further developments.

Should however we have Hindu immigrants arrive on the Blue Funnel boats, having booked their passage from Colombo, I would like to have a ruling as to whether it would be considered that they had come by continuous journey from the land of their birth. To embark on this line of boats from Colombo it would necessitate these people making a journey, either by rail from their own cities, or by steamship from Calcutta, of about two days and a half, in neither of which cases would they secure through transportation to Vancouver.

With reference to H.S.M.D., the present Managing Director of the Canada-India Supply and Trust Company Limited, I beg to state that yesterday a well-versed Hindu named Suboo Singh, who has just returned from a visit to the United States for a month, in the course of conversation gave me the information that Hindu

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