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Under Secretary of State for India,
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Sir,

I desire to bring to your notice the condition of a considerable number of the immigrants who have arrived in British Columbia since the Presidency of Dargal (India). The number of these are steadily increasing during the year; the Sub-Committee on the last voyage brought no less than 700. There are now between 1800 and 1900 in the Province of British Columbia all from the Punjab, they are mostly Sikhs. Some are allowed to land who are destitute, as all have some roots in India, some as much as thirty years or more. Their arrival has led to serious matters such as are met in India, quite unprepared for the rights of a Canadian citizen. Immigrants are not permitted to settle quite suitable for the climate. They are a stout, well-built set of men. A large proportion are agriculturists. Their conduct has been exemplary. I do not know that a single one has been convicted of any crime, however slight, but they find a difficulty in obtaining employment owing to the depressed state of work that is current in B.C., their ignorance of the tools and machinery used in farming and agriculture and also to their almost entire ignorance of the English language. The state of their country in the Punjab shows

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