

[J. H. MacGill, Immigration Agent, to William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, re rumour in Hindu community of women emigrating soon. Original]

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Sir,

I beg to report that the Hindu community here is very much stirred up over a rumour which is apparently generally current to the effect that 84 of their fellow countrymen, now in Hong Kong, are about to leave there for Canada on one of the Empresses next sailing. Amongst these are said to be five women alleged to be the wives of Hindus now in this Province. Some others such as Balwant Singh and Bhag Singh are returning to Canada after an absence of a year or two, and the remainder is said to be new comers.

The coming of these women is the occasion of a certain amount of apprehension here, and will doubtless lead to trouble. However I shall deal with the question when it comes up, but in the meantime am advising you of the rumour.

Your obedient servant,
James MacGill
Immigration Agent.

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