

[J. H. MacGill, Immigration Agent, Vancouver, to William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration. Original]



Sir,

I beg to report that about a hundred Hindus are leaving this port by S.S. "Empress of Japan", which sails to-day for the Orient, for the purpose of visiting their native land, and that the greater part of them have been most insistent the past two weeks in attempting to get certificates of identity from our office here. This has however in all cases been refused.

We have, during the past two days, been told that they are being landed in Victoria, with the result, as it would appear, of different practices being established in such a question in different ports. This matter has already been the subject of a great deal of correspondence with head office, much of it being under the hand of Wm. Hall, of Revelstoke, (file 538009 [X]), who ~~was~~ ^{is} will be remembered, went to India to attempt to work up the immigration of his fellow countrymen.

At the present time the community here is about to send some delegates to interview the Premier at Ottawa with a view to breaking down the barriers to Hindu immigration, and

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