

[L. M. Fortier for William D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, to William W. Cory, Deputy Minister of the Interior]

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Memorandum:

Mr. Cory.

I am in receipt of a letter from Malcolm H. J. Reid, Dominion Immigration Agent, Vancouver, informing me of the return to that port per SS "Empress of Japan", on the 1st instant, of eight Hindus who had been absent on a visit to India. These were:

1. Bhagwan Ghanar,	Left Vancouver Nov. 9th, 1910,
2. Bhora	" " " " "
3. Bork	" " " " "
4. Bansi Singh	" " " " "
5. Bala	" " " " "
6. Bhagwan	" " April 10th 1911,
7. Bhagwan	" " Oct. 12th "
8. Bansi Singh	" " 10th 1910.

In reporting his action, Mr. Reid says in part:

"In connection with these men I would state that they have been landed to all of them have had more than four years residence in Canada, before they left India and are holders each of them in their own right, from one to seven, of lots in this city and in possession of certificates of title to the property. When questioned as to their overstaying of the time limit, they all made the statement that they were unable to return to Canada as the Canadian Pacific Railway Co's Agent at Hong Kong refused to sell them transportation which they had been asking for for months past and it was only after Bansi Singh and Bhagwan Singh had been allowed to land and the matter settled that the Company issued them transportation. They claim further that the delay was not of their making and their intention was to return as soon as possible. The first five of the Hindus under reference had taken the precaution of being armed with certificates entitling them to return to Canada (vide your

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