

[William C. Hopkinson, Immigration Inspector, to William W. Cory, Deputy
Minister of the Interior, re departure and plans of Balwant Singh]

31] W.C. Hopkinson to W.W. Cory

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Sir,

For the week ending the 16th inst., I beg to report that the situation among the Hindus has continued the same with the exception that there has been a slight influx into the city of a few from the outside points, which is generally the case at this time of year.

The next prominent Hindu to leave Vancouver for India is Balwant Singh, the priest of the Sikh Temple, who intends to go out by the next 'Empress.' His intention, as far as I have been able to gather, is to bring out his wife and family and also to try and induce the families of other Hindus residing here to come out with him.

I had the honor of an interview with the Minister a few days ago in the course of which I gave him the details of the whole situation and received directions from him to go into all points in B.C., where there are Hindus and report to him the numbers and the conditions prevailing among them.

During the course of my tour I shall keep a Diary and forward a copy to you weekly and a full report to the Hon. Mr. Oliver on my return.

I trust the report under confidential cover has been received safely. I forwarded same on 9th instant.

Yours obediently
W.C. Hopkinson

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