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Minister of the Interior. Copy]

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Dear Sir,

I would like to report that a petition has been gotten up by the Leaders of the Hindoo Community here in furtherance of an interview with the Premier during his recent visit to this City. The petition contains grievances to a great extent against the Canadian Immigration Act and more in particular with regard to the restrictions as affecting the Hindus. A great many of this Community have recently landed in San Francisco and from information I learn that there is quite an exodus from India to that Port, and the objective in about 80 per cent of these cases is Canada. With the present regulations they cannot find entry here, and are using all their influence to, if possible, have the restrictions removed.

The principals in the case appear to be HIRA SINGH, H.A. (a recent arrival from England) the Port of entry unknown; RAJAH SINGH, H. BAHIN, G.D. KUMAR and one (Dr.) SUNDERR SINGH. Hira Singh has taken the place of Raja Singh to a great extent and is controlling the interests of the Community here, with the assistance of the above mentioned.

For some time past the Police in this City have been on the look out for a certain class of Hindus of a very immoral

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