

Statement given to Immigration officers by informers and their friends [re meeting by Husain Rahim and Sohan Lal]

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We, the undersigned, hereby declare that we were present at a meeting held on Saturday, the 25th day of December, 1913, at the Sikh Temple, 1866 Second Avenue West, City of Vancouver, Province of British Columbia, and that the following is a true and correct report of the proceedings and speeches on that occasion.

Mr. Rahim, President, acted as Chairman of the meeting, and informed his listeners that he had started a paper to oppose H.H. Stevens, M.P., and the Immigration authorities; that he had done so to assist his fellow-countrymen, who are being persecuted, and that in return he hoped and requested that some one or more present in the audience, would fix the three or four traitorous Hindus who are leagued with the Immigration authorities of this Province.

He was followed by Sohan Lal, who read a poem from the Gaddar or Mutiny paper, published in San Francisco, which poem is an appeal to the Hindus to assist in putting down the British Government in India.

Following him was Karshi Ram, who read a poem written by himself, accusing Bela Singh, Baboo Singh, Ganga Ram, Immigration Inspectors Reid and Hoskinson, of being enemies to the Hindus here, and calling upon them to do away with each and all of these men.

Manish Singh (Carpenter), explained to the audience the recent case of Bhagwan Singh, and told them that Baboo Singh, Bela Singh and Ganga Ram, were in league with Immigration officials in the matter. He further stated that no nation can survive that does not do away with its traitors, and he called upon the Hindus present to assist in putting away their traitorous fellow-countrymen as aforesaid.

The concluding address was made by Rajah Singh, who requested the Hindus here to send a delegation to India to take up the matter of recovering the Khalsa College at Amritsar from the British Government. He referred to the hardship of British rule over the East Indians, and called upon the Hindus to assist in overthrowing the same and that it could only be done by repeating the work of the Mohammedans at Calcutta. He also referred to the bomb outrage at Delhi on December 23rd 1912, and to the fact that the perpetrator was still at large. Thus any patriotic Hindu who would lend his assistance against British tyranny could easily escape and be assisted by his loyal fellow countrymen.

Signed:

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