

Compare this with the sworn statement of Sham Singh, the Hindu delegate.

Analyzing the various statements the situation is as follows:—  
There is a complete backdown regarding the bribe charge, and an evident fear to assume the responsibility of any direct statement leaving the maker thereof open to criminal prosecution, and resort is had to insinuation, and even that is made not by the party who is supposed to be able to do so, but is made in the Temple minutes.

Against this is the sworn statement of one of the delegates that the first suggestion of any bribe he heard was when Nagar Singh spoke in the Temple at Vancouver.

It is evident the bribe story was originated in Vancouver after the return of the delegates, and originated, I believe, to so scare the community with regard to Honduras as to prevent the possibility of any of these even considering the proposition to go there. Against the charge also is the clear, emphatic and specific denial by Mr. Hopkinson by affidavit.

#### A COMPARISON.

Teja Singh, the new leader of the East Indian community, who gave the bribe charge to the press, is credited with saying, on Nov 23rd:

“They (the delegates) informed me that the bribe was offered them by Mr. Hopkinson at a town named Tancret, or at least their pronounciation makes it sound like that. The money filled a small bag. They were told they could keep it if they made a favourable report. They took the sack, and later found that it contained \$3,000 in bills, mostly of large denominations. The delegates, of course, never intended to betray their countrymen in British Columbia. As soon as they found out the amount of the bribe, they returned the money.”

Yet, from the Temple minutes of Nov. 22, the day previous, Teja Singh must have known that the record was as follows:—

“In a way, a temptation in the way of money was also cleverly arranged. This was in the form of a money bag handed over to Nagar Singh by the interpreter. Nagar Singh, who had it, states that he counted about \$3,000 worth of bills in it. It was apparently a clever hint, though not an offer.”

There is a circumstance in connection with the documents that also throws light on the mental operations of Nagar Singh, and also upon the probable origin of his diary as sent to me. At a meeting of