

against Honduras, and the community decided that no Hindus should go there. It appears to me that various influences, apart from the actual conditions in Honduras, operated largely to bring about this decision. These I shall refer to in detail in the body of this report.

Teja Singh, an educated East Indian, who came from the United States to Vancouver while the delegates were in Honduras, and who has, apparently, become the absolute dictator of the community, stated in a public lecture in Vancouver on Nov. 21st, that there were then 30 p.c. of the East Indians unemployed. That would mean about 1,000 in all British Columbia; 500 or 700 in the Vancouver district.

On account of the appreciable improvement in business conditions in British Columbia during the past couple of months, the except onally favourable weather conditions that have prevailed during the fall and early winter, and on account of special efforts by the community itself, it is hoped, however, that there will be no such suffering among the Hindus this winter as existed among them during previous winters.

HINDU CONDITIONS INVESTIGATED.

While in Vancouver upon other departmental business, I received the following by wire from the Superintendent of Immigration, under date July 8th, 1908:—

"I understand that a large number of Hindus are now
 "a public charge on the Pacific coast, and are anxious to
 "return to their native country. Please investigate this
 "carefully and advise me by wire."

To the above I sent the following reply:—

W. D. SCOTT,
 Supt. Immigration, Ottawa, Ont.

"Your wire received last evening. So far as Vancouver
 "is concerned, it cannot be said any Hindus are public
 "charge. Estimated 1,500 Hindus here and vicinity.
 "Probably 700 of them out of work, and practically no
 "prospect of getting any. They do not apply to public
 "bodies for relief, but good many seek relief privately. City
 "not feeding any. About thirty have asked Monro to de-
 "port them. Doubt if one hundred would voluntarily seek
 "deportation now, though more probably will as winter
 "approaches. Prospect for winter for Hindus very un-
 "favourable. Concensus opinion Hindus physically and
 "mentally unfit to compete successfully in Canada, and that

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