

refused to come because he had been told at the Temple not to come, and because he would be asked questions. I may say in this connection that it was anticipated that Nagar Singh would surely come, because there was a balance due him and the other delegate in connection with an arrangement by which each delegate was to receive \$1.50 per day during his absence from British Columbia, as compensation for loss of time. We told Sham Singh we wanted to pay them the balance in a joint cheque, and wanted them both to sign a receipt for the amount when the cheque was handed over. Nagar evidently preferred to do without his money rather than undergo cross-examination on the bribe charge.

A DEMAND.

Failing to secure anything definite in this way, I next wrote the following letters, which I sent by registered mail:—

Immigration Branch,
Department of the Interior,
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 10th, 1908.

Dear Sir,—

It is reported that you have made a statement charging that my interpreter offered a bribe to you in Honduras to secure a report favourable with respect to that country. The Government has directed me to secure a full and complete statement regarding this matter. Through Boleun Kand and Sham Singh I sent a request to you to come to see me last Monday for the purpose of having an interview in the presence of Mr. Knapp, who is, I believe, a trusted friend of the East Indian Community.

The Government must have a statement from you upon this bribe charge. I am therefore writing this letter to request you to furnish me at once with a full and complete statement regarding the alleged bribe, with special reference to time, place and amount.

Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) J. B. HARKIN,

Nagar Singh,
Sikh Temple,
Fairview, B. C.

Immigration Branch,
Department of the Interior,
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 10th, 1908.

Dear Sir,

A report has been made public that Nagar Singh, one of the delegates sent to Honduras, has stated that an attempt was made